

# Hiroshima University 3MT Competition 2019

## Guideline for Applicants

### 1. Description of the Competition

Three Minute Competition of 3MT is exciting opportunity for young researchers to effectively explain their research in limited three minutes, in a language appropriate to a non-specialist audience. It aims to develop their presentation and research communication skills, while expecting broader society as audience to deepen positive understanding in doctorate resources/researches. Hiroshima University will host the 3MT competition as follows:

Date	Sunday, June 30, 2019 13:00 – (subject to change)
Venue:	Library Hall, Hiroshima University (Higashi-Hiroshima Campus)
Eligibility:	Master/Doctorate students, Postdocs
Sections:	Japanese Section / English Section (10+ presenters per each) *1. You can apply to both sections, but 3MT Operating Council Office will choose the section you would present, depending on the number of applicants. We might conduct pre-screening in case we receive excessive number of applicants. *2 For doctorate students, this will be a preliminary competition to determine finalists to be advanced to the HIRAKU 3MT Competition 2019 on Saturday, September 14, 2019. Finalists will be determined in late-July and directly informed by HIRAKU Operating Council Office.
Host:	“Home for Innovative Researchers and Academic Knowledge Users (HIRAKU)” under the Building of Consortia for the Development of Human Resources and Science and Technology
Co-Host:	Global Science Campus Hiroshima, Hiroshima University Organization of the Leading Graduate Education Program (“Phoenix Leader Education Program for Renaissance from Radiation Disaster” and “TAOYAKA PROGRAM for creating a flexible, enduring, peaceful society”)
Sponsors:	Sendajuku, Toastmasters International

### 2. Registration for Entry

**Due June 21, 2019 (FRI)**

Please access the below URL to complete your pre-entry registration at latest by **Friday, June 21, 2019**.

<https://forms.gle/qYtuF7JVK7wrU5Xj9>

As to the Presentation Title in the application form, make it easy for public audience (including high school students) to get some clues about your presentation. Make it within 25 letters in Japanese, 12 words in English.

### 3. Presentation Slide

**Due June 26, 2019 (WED)**

Please submit your presentation slide (a single PDF slide in 4:3 landscape format) to HIRAKU Operating Council Office (See below #7. Inquiries/Contacts). Please be carefully noted that we will not replace/update your slide after the above due date.

When you create a presentation slide, please make sure to check intellectual property rights or any other legal rights of other parties and properly indicate the source as necessary.

#### 4. Presentation Workshop

Presentation workshop will be held twice on Thursday, June 13 at Higashi-Hiroshima Campus, for those who are interested in HIRAKU 3MT. Find more details below.

[https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/gcdc\\_yr/news/51195](https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/gcdc_yr/news/51195)

#### 5. Hiroshima University 3MT Competition 2019

**June 30, 2019 (SUN)**

##### i. Time & Venue

[Meeting Time] Sunday, June 30, 2019, 12:30 (subject to change)

[Meeting Venue] Library Hall, Hiroshima University

##### ii. Rules of the Presentation

Here are the 3MT competition rules:

- A single static PowerPoint slide is permitted. No slide transitions, animations or 'movement' of any description are allowed. The slide is to be presented from the beginning of the oration.
- No additional electronic media (e.g. sound and video files) are permitted.
- No additional props (e.g. costumes, musical instruments, laboratory equipment) are permitted.
- Take necessary care of intellectual property rights or any other legal rights of other parties to create a presentation slide. The source/attribution needs to be clearly indicated as necessary.
- Presentations are limited to 3 minutes maximum and competitors exceeding 3 minutes are disqualified.
- Presentations are to be spoken word (e.g. no poems, raps or songs).
- Presentations are to commence from the stage.
- Presentations are considered to have commenced when a presenter starts their presentation through either movement or speech.

##### iii. Judge and Awards

###### A) Judging Panel

Judging Panel consists of representatives from Hiroshima University, who will determine winners of each Award listed in iii-(C), following the Judging Criteria described in iii-(B). People's Choice Award winner will be determined by audience' vote and certified by the Judging Panel.

###### B) Judging Criteria

Audience will cast a vote to one of the presenters, judging from the following criteria.

- Did the presentation provide the future vision and significance of the research to have the audience agree to them?
- Did the research description attract and excite the audience?
- Were the research outcomes/approaches new and surprising?
- Was the presentation easy enough for the non-specialist audience to follow?
- Note: Judging Panel will take into consideration all other perspectives than described above.

Judging Panel will take into consideration the following in addition to the above described.

- ✓ Did the presentation provide an understanding of the background to the research question being addressed and its significance?
- ✓ Did the presentation clearly describe the key results of the research including conclusions and outcomes?
- ✓ Did the presentation follow a clear and logical sequence?
- ✓ Was the thesis topic, key results and research significance and outcomes communicated in language appropriate to a non-specialist audience?

- ✓ Did the speaker avoid scientific jargon, explain terminology and provide adequate background information to illustrate points?
- ✓ Did the presenter spend adequate time on each element of their presentation – or did they elaborate for too long on one aspect or was the presentation rushed?
- ✓ Did the oration make the audience want to know more?
- ✓ Was the presenter careful not to trivialise or generalise their research?
- ✓ Did the presenter convey enthusiasm for their research?
- ✓ Did the presenter capture and maintain their audience's attention?
- ✓ Did the speaker have sufficient stage presence, eye contact and vocal range; maintain a steady pace, and have a confident stance?
- ✓ Did the PowerPoint slide enhance the presentation – was it clear, legible, and concise?

The above is retrieved from the judging criteria of Three Minute Thesis Competition held at University of Queensland.

### C) Awards

Winners / People's Choice from each Section

Finalists to be advanced to HIRAKU 3MT Competition 2019

## 6. 3MT References

- ★ HIRAKU 3MT Competition Past Winning Presentations  
[https://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/hiraku/hiraku3mt\\_pastwinners/](https://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/hiraku/hiraku3mt_pastwinners/)
- ★ HIRAKU 3MT Competition 2018 – Info-Session  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JRzT3XIFA5s&feature=youtu.be>

## 7. Other Points of Attention

### i. Treatment of your Personal Information

Personal information collected through your registration/application process shall be handled properly within the scope of the purposes of utilization set forth in the privacy policy or Rule concerning the handling of Hiroshima University Personal Information. (URL only in Japanese: <http://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/~houki/reiki/act/frame/frame110000027.htm>) HIRAKU 3MT Office will take measures necessary to prevent leak or loss of or damage to collected information and shall otherwise manage such information properly.

We shall use the collected information to communicate with applicants regarding their registration/application, to publicize the presenters' information in our official websites or brochures/other materials to be distributed at the competition, to conduct smooth operation of the HIRAKU 3MT Competition including screening, presentation and judge of the day, as well as to send you information about the HIRAKU events or seminars, etc. in the future.

Please be kindly noted that a Sponsor Award recipient might be directly contacted by the sponsor, based on the contact information given by HIRAKU 3MT Office.

### ii. Live-Streaming & Web-Publication of Movies & Photographs

Please be aware that we are planning to take movies and photographs during the competition. We will be also publicizing the image/movie data later on in our websites, etc.

### iii. Other Remarks

We may anticipate kind cooperation from the presenters to develop future HIRAKU 3MT Competitions as well as the other HIRAKU programs.

**8. Inquiries/Contacts**

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