

Q & A at the VISION PITCH pre-briefing

Questions	Answers
1 Is the prize money given to individual students? Or are they allocated to the laboratory as a research budget?	The prize money is awarded directly to the top individual winners as cash. There are no restrictions on the use of this prize money.
2 Do I need to decide on a research title for my application?	Yes, you do. The designated Excel form has a field for the title of the research. Note that, although it is not mandatory, it is advisable to include the research title in a suitable place in the 1-page ppt file as well, in order to make the proposal easier to understand.
3 Do I need the approval of my supervisor to apply?	As the event aims to disseminate academically meaningful research activities in an easy-to-understand manner, you will need a supervisor who can advise you on the content of your research. The designated Excel application form includes a section for you to state the name and contact details of your supervisor and that your supervisor has agreed to your application in advance.
4 Can I pitch in Japanese?	Yes, you can. Pitches can be made in Japanese or English. Both the application and pitch presentation materials can be in either English or Japanese.
5 What is the service of simultaneous interpretation in the final exactly?	As many in the audience for the final are not expected to be fluent in English, we will provide a receiver for those who wish to wear one, so that they can listen to simultaneous translation from Japanese to English or English to Japanese.
6 Can I change the application document for the final pitch? The presentation method would be different between the oral presentation (pitch at the final) and the application for the preliminary document screening.	The application document of 1-page research summary is only used for the selection of finalists. The finalists will be required to prepare a new presentation suitable for a 3-minute pitch, based on the guidance given during the two training sessions.
7 Do you have any plans to split the language of the pitches of the finalists equally between English and Japanese? Do you think it is easier to successfully pass the selection process if I apply with a Japanese presentation?	The selection process is not based on the language used, but rather on the quality and attractiveness of the documents submitted. Please do not think about which language is more advantageous, but focus primarily on making an attractive application. The organizers expect many applications in both Japanese and English. Note that as this is the first year for this event, it is not possible to predict how many applications will be submitted in Japanese and English respectively.
8 Is it possible to participate online in two training sessions?	On-site participation at the Ito campus is mandatory for both training sessions.