

Science Slam TMU 2015- Pre-event for EURAXESS Science Slam Japan 2015

Application Guideline

1 Overview

TMU will hold the Science Slam Japan 2015 on 23 October, 2015. The EURAXESS Science Slam is a science communication competition organized in various areas of the world by the EURAXESS Links. Japan-based researchers of different ages, nationalities, and research fields can apply for the competition by submitting a three-minute video. Among the applicants five to eight researchers will be selected to present his/her research to the audience at the final stage at TMU. Prior to the main event a pre-event will be held at TMU in September in which all the TMU researchers, academics, and graduate students can participate in. The winner of the pre-event will earn a spot as one of the finalists at the Science Slam Japan 2015.

2 What is EURAXESS?

EURAXESS is a European Commission initiative “providing access to a complete range of information and support services to researchers wishing to pursue their research careers in Europe or stay connected to it (Retrieved from <http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/#>).” EURAXESS features four different branches; Jobs, Services, Rights, and Links. EURAXESS Links serves as liaison between Europe and hubs (ASEAN, Brazil, China, India, North America and Japan), providing information on funding schemes, cooperation opportunities, events, etc.

3 What is Science Slam?

A Science Slam is a presentation forum where researchers present their own research work briefly in front of a non-expert audience. What is important is that participants present their work in an understandable and entertaining way. The audience has a discussion in groups after each presentation and votes as a group for the winner at the end of all the presentations.

Science Slam Japan 2015 is the third edition organized by the EURAXESS Links Japan. Last year about 120 people and five finalists participated in the Slam and marked the closing event of the hugely successful competition. The winner of the Science Slam Japan 2015 will be awarded a round-trip to Europe, accommodation, transportation fees within the Europe, and will receive an assistance to visit one research organization/institution of the winner's choice within the European Research Area.

Science Slam Japan 2015 Homepage : <http://scienceslamjapan2015.splashthat.com/>

4 Science Slam TMU

Date and Time: 28th September, 2015 Start:13:00, Finish: 16:00

(The end time may change in accordance with the number of participants.)

Place: Minami-Osawa campus, Tokyo Metropolitan University (venue to be determined)

Presentation format:

- Maximum 10 minutes of presentation (performance)
- Presentations can be supported by video and audio materials, ppt slides and any other kinds of media available, as well as scientific equipment.

*Please indicate the media or equipment you wish to use in the application form.

Language Used: English

Judgement:

- Audience will have a discussion after presentations and rate the presentation based on the following criteria;
 - Accessibility to non-experts (Was it easy to understand for non-experts?)
 - Presentation style (Was it interesting? entertaining?)
 - Originality & Creativity (Was the performance original? Creative?)
- The panel of jury will review ratings judged by the audience and make a final decision among the jury to select the champion of the Science Slam TMU.
- The champion will be nominated as one of the finalists at the Science Slam Japan 2015 on 23 October, 2015.

Participation Fee: Free

5 Application

(1) Eligibility: Participants must be

- Graduate students, Post-doctoral researchers, Researchers, or Academics who belong to TMU and be engaged in research activities on a daily basis.
- Able to participate in the main event, the Science Slam Japan 2015 held on 23 October, 2015 in the afternoon

(2) Entry period: Between Monday, 3 August and Friday, 28 August, 2015

(3) Submission

- Please complete the “Application form for Science Slam TMU 2015” and submit as an email attachment to yukih@tmu.ac.jp (Ms. Hirose, International Center). Please fill out the subject line of the mail as “Science Slam TMU Application, YOUR NAME.”
- The Application Guideline and the Application form are also available on the International Center / International Affairs Office HP: <http://www.ic.tmu.ac.jp/english/ghrd/event.html>

(4) Where to submit: yukih@tmu.ac.jp (Ms. Hirose, International Center)

If you do not receive a confirmation of receipt within three days, please resend the form.

(5) Participation notice

Notice of participation will be sent to the email address from which an application form was sent in the beginning of September.

6 Science Slam Introduction Seminar

The Introduction seminar will be held as follows for those who will be participating in the Science Slam TMU. Participants will learn tips of attractive presentation and how to enjoy a science slam!

Date and Time: Friday, 11 September 2015 10:00-11:30 (subject to change)

Place: Minami-Osawa campus, Tokyo Metropolitan University (venue to be determined)

Registration: Details of the seminar will be notified in the Participation notice sent in the beginning of September. Please register for the seminar by replying to the message. Those who are not participating in the slam, but wish to join the seminar, please send an email to yukih@tmu.ac.jp by Tuesday, 8 September.

7 Schedule (Tentative)

(1) Mon. 3 August – Fri. 28 August	Entry period for Science Slam TMU
(2) Fri. 28 August	Deadline for Entry
(3) Early September	Participation Notice to be sent
(4) Fri. 11 September, 10:00-	Science Slam Introduction Seminar
(5) Mon. 28, September, 13:00-	Science Slam TMU 2015
(6) Fri. 23, October, 16:00-	Science Slam Japan 2015

8 Notes

- It is possible that you apply for the Science Slam Japan 2015 or both the Science Slam Japan and the Science Slam TMU. For the details of the Science Slam Japan 2015, please visit its homepage <http://scienceslamjapan2015.splashthat.com/>.
- The competition is open to anyone from all nationalities, scientific disciplines (including social sciences and humanities), and with any enrollment status at TMU as long as you are engaged in research activities on a daily basis and can present your own research work.

9 Contact

Should you have any questions in regards to a science slam, application and participation process, or others, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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