

BOSAI business idea competition

A side event in the 70th Anniversary of the Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University

1. Objective

In order to realize disaster resilient society, it is indispensable not only that knowledge and technologies are developed, but also that these are implemented into the society. This competition calls for BOSAI business ideas as one of such implementation measures.

2. Conditions

Those who are or have been staying at DPRI as staffs, students, researchers or guests, can apply for the competition. Young staffs and students are encouraged to apply. Only one application is allowed. Application can be by an individual or by a team consisting of multiple persons.

3. Award

300,000 JPY is awarded to the best idea. In addition, 100,000 JPY may be awarded to unique idea(s). No obligation is assigned by receiving the award. The award is paid directly by H3 inc., which sponsors this event.

4. Use of award

No condition is assigned.

5. Selections

Selection consists of two steps: The first step is by submitted documents, and the second step is by oral presentation. The selection is made by a panel of judge consisting of DPRI-KU faculty staffs and H3 inc. managements. In the selection process, the following aspects are, among others, evaluated:

- Is the idea new in BOSAI business?
- Is the idea story-telling?

Note: The capability of implementation is out of selection.

Only individuals or teams who passed the first step go to the second step and make oral presentation. The duration of the oral presentation is 10 minutes. After the oral presentation, the presenters are requested to answer the questions by the panel of judges for 15 minutes. The presentation and Q&A's are public. The result is announced with comments on the same day of the second step of the selection.

As of October 3, 2021, the format of the second step of the selection is not determined. The mode is either online or hybrid. The format is announced as soon as determined. In case that the second step is held hybrid, the on-site place is Kyoto University Clock Tower Centennial Hall.

6. Schedule

October 31, 2021	Application deadline
Early November, 2021	Notification of the first step selection
November 25, 2021	Second step selection
November 25, 2021	Result with comments

7. Application documents

I. Documents for the first step

- (1) Application form (Form 1)
- (2) PDF file (One A4 page) that contains the proposed idea

II. Document for the second step

- (1) Microsoft PowerPoint file that contains the proposed idea

No limitation on the number of the slides; however, presentation should be finished with the designated time.

8. Submission

The application documents should be submitted by e-mail with attachments to the e-mail address below. In case of difficulty, the application documents can be uploaded to a cloud and notify the URL to download. Note that the subject of the e-mail must be “BOSAI business idea competition (NAME)” (NAME should be replaced by the applicant’s name). Submission by post is not accepted.

The deadline of the application is 5pm, October 31, 2021. The deadline for submitting the document for the second step will be notified to the applicants who pass the first step of the selection.

Submission:

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9. Treatment of the submitted documents

- The submitted documents are used only for the competition.
- The results of the competition are posted on the event website and may be introduced in media such as DPRI Newsletter. In such cases, applicants concerned are contacted for the permission prior to the publication.
- Ideas in the submitted documents are attributed to the applicants. It is also emphasized that those who wish to use the idea must be consulted to the applicants for their use.

* In case of any inconsistency between the Japanese version and the English version of the call, the Japanese version is valid.

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Application form

Team name of the applicant

Applicant(s) name, affiliation, relation to DPRI-KU

Corresponding applicant's email address