

Tech Osaka Award 2025

Pitch Contest Application Information

Title	Calling for startups to participate in the Tech Osaka Award 2025 pitch contest.
Purpose	<p>Tech Osaka Award 2025 will hold a startup pitch contest focusing on three fields that are the strengths of the Kansai region, including Osaka: bio/life science and healthcare, green tech, and digital.</p> <p>This pitch contest aims to discover startups that are looking to make a leap onto the world stage, creating opportunities for them to grow.</p>
Date	<p>Final: Wednesday, September 17, 2025</p> <p>*The Tech Osaka Summit will be held on the following dates.</p> <p>Tuesday, September 16 and Wednesday, September 17, 2025</p>
Venue	<p>North Building, Grand Front Osaka (3-1 Ofukacho, Kita-ku, Osaka City)</p> <p>Knowledge Capital Congrès Convention Center (B2F)</p>
Language used	English *Materials, pitches, and communication should be made in English.
Application requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engaging in business in one of the following three fields: bio/life science and healthcare, green tech, or digital.• Must be a startup founded within the last 10 years.• Aiming for global expansion.• Possessing products and services that make full use of cutting-edge technology and ideas.• Having raised less than ¥500 million in total funding.• Overseas companies must have a base in Japan.• Able to make a pitch and answer questions in English. <p>*Startups that have not won any pitch contest in the past will be given priority selection.</p> <p>*We will carefully review all the applicants and select the</p>

	companies that will move on to the final round (held on the event day). Please note that cancellations during the event will not be accepted.
Awards and extra benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The winner of the grand prize will receive an award of ¥5 million. • The most outstanding startup in each field will also be offered an award of ¥500,000. • The grand prize winner and the most outstanding startup in each field will be invited to participate in a special support program at Osaka Innovation Hub. <p>*Startups that pass the first review will be granted an exhibition booth (up to 15 booths).</p> <p>*Further details will be decided later.</p>
Entry period	June 26 (Thursday) through July 18 (Friday) 13:00, 2025 *Application period has been extended.
How to enter	https://rkob.f.msgs.jp/n/form/rkob/UfEmdpr96v7GNacRRd5kK
Timeline after entry, selection process	<p>① First review: Document screening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing entry information and pitch materials • Selecting a maximum of 15 companies with 3 to 5 companies from each category <p>(Only companies that have passed the first review will be contacted on Tuesday, July 29, 2025.)</p> <p>② Second review: Online screening on Tuesday, August 5, 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selecting a total of 9 companies with 3 companies from each category • Pitch: 3 minutes, Q&A session: 3 minutes <p>(Only companies that have passed the second review will be contacted on Friday, August 22, 2025)</p> <p>③ Final: Judged at the pitch contest held on the second day of Tech Osaka Summit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitch: 4 minutes, Q&A session: 4 minutes
Reviewing policy	Applications will be judged by reviewing the business details entered on the application form, based on the

	<p>following criteria:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Novelty and innovation 2. Marketability and growth potential 3. Potential for global expansion <p>*In the second review, in addition to the above items, your presentation skills will be evaluated and judged.</p>
Travel expenses to the venue and accommodation expenses	Borne by the applicant
Intellectual property rights and copyrights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All intellectual property rights and copyrights pertaining to the application belong to the applicant, but the application details and the applicant's name and affiliation will be made public on the website and other platforms at the discretion of the management office. • It is the applicant's responsibility to check any relevant rights in advance and take steps to protect them when applying for the contest. (The organizer and the management office will not be held responsible for any rights-related troubles.) • If there is any suspicion of infringement of the intellectual property rights of others or if any infringement is discovered, the award may be revoked.
Portrait rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ownership right of any photographs, videos, recordings, and the like taken during the event belongs to the organizer and may be published on its website and in other media, such as newspapers, magazines, and television. Participants must consent to be photographed and filmed as well as the publication of such photographs and videos before participating in this event.
Contact	<p>Tech Osaka Award 2025 Contest Management Office</p> <p>Email: pitch-info@tech-osaka.com</p> <p>*It may take up to a week for us to respond to your</p>

	<p>inquiry.</p> <p>*The office hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays (closed on Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays).</p> <p>*For inquiries outside of business hours, we will respond on our next business day or later.</p>
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