

# Call for Abstracts – 34th Tokyo Immunology Forum

The Tokyo Immunology Forum has been held with the aim of promoting active interaction among immunology researchers in the Kanto area. It has been well received as a venue for open and stimulating scientific discussion.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Tokyo Immunology Forum will be held on Friday, 27 March, 2026 at the Institute of Medical Science, The University of Tokyo. We will invite **Professor Akira Shibuya (University of Tsukuba)** to give a special lecture. In addition, we have arranged a **unique session entitled "Behind the Scenes of the Nobel Prize"**. The University of Tokyo's Professors Shohei Hori, Taku Okazaki and Reiko Shinkura will be giving talks. These professors are significant colleagues of Professors Shimon Sakaguchi and Tasuku Honjo. The talks will reflect on the process of great discoveries and the times in which they occurred. Hearing about the atmosphere in the labs at the time and views on the philosophy of science will inspire students, young investigators and researchers.

The Forum also aims to provide young scientists with an opportunity to present their work, exchange ideas, and build inter-institutional networks through a series of selected oral/poster presentations. We would appreciate your kind cooperation in sharing this announcement with the members of your laboratories and encouraging young scientists to submit abstracts. Other than the requirement that the topic be relevant to immunology, there are no restrictions on specific topics and no recommendation or nomination is required. The Organising Committee will select speakers from among the papers to give an oral presentation (15-minute talk followed by 5 minutes of discussion) on site.

Awarded presenters will be formally recognised with **the Tokyo Immunology Forum Outstanding Research Award**. As a supplementary prize, we will offer an opportunity to present at the International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID) in the Pacific Rim in Malaysia and provide financial support for participation and travel expenses (details of the EID Conference will be announced at a later date).

We welcome young researchers from all over Japan, not only from the Tokyo metropolitan area, to participate. We look forward to receiving many enthusiastic submissions.

January 26th, 2026

Organizers: Kenichi Asano and Noriko Sorimachi  
Organizing Committee, Tokyo Immunology Forum  
(Along with the view from the 8th floor of IMSUT)



## Abstract Submission Guidelines for the 34<sup>th</sup> Tokyo Immunology Forum

**Eligibility:** Students, Posdocs, and early-career researchers/faculty members.

**How to apply:** Please prepare a single A4 page including the following items and send it by e-mail to the secretariat (Hideo Negishi, IMSUT, The University of Tokyo; [hnegishi@ims.u-tokyo.ac.jp](mailto:hnegishi@ims.u-tokyo.ac.jp)) as a file (MS Word, Pages, etc.). Submissions are written in either Japanese or English.

1. Title,
2. Presenter's name,
3. Affiliation,
4. Names of co-authors,
5. Abstract (800–1,000 Japanese characters or an equivalent length in English)

**Abstract submission deadline:** noon, Friday, 27 February, 2026

**Reception:** Free for students / 5,000 JPY for others

**Website:** <https://tokyo-meneki.ims.u-tokyo.ac.jp>

If you do not receive a reply within three days after submission, please contact us by phone at **+81-3-5449-5247** to confirm that your abstract has been received.

