



Call for Proposals

MIRAI Research & Innovation Week 2026

Thematic Deep Dive Sessions (Open Call)

MIRAI invites researchers to propose and host **Thematic Deep Dive Sessions** during Research & Innovation Week 2026. These sessions are designed to foster **interactive discussion, collaboration, and new ideas** across MIRAI member universities.

Available Slots

Day 2 – Wednesday, 9 December 2026

13:30–15:45 | Parallel Sessions

- One room available

Day 3 – Thursday, 10 December 2026

10:00–12:00 | Open Collaboration Window

- One to two rooms expected
- Final number of sessions and rooms will depend on the proposals received

Session Formats

Applicants may propose sessions in one of the following expected formats. Sessions aim to encourage active participation and collaboration, rather than one-way presentations. Selected session organizers will be responsible for leading and facilitating their session.

- **Interactive workshop** – 60 minutes
- **Round table discussion** – 60 minutes
- **Presentations with Q&A** – 60 minutes
- **Campfire session (informal discussion)** – 30 minutes

Eligibility (Required)

Each proposal **must include researchers from:**

- At least **one MIRAI member university in Japan**, and
- At least **one MIRAI member university in Sweden**

Meriting Factors

Proposals are encouraged (but not required) to include one or more of the following:



- Active involvement of **early career researchers (ECRs)**
- Collaboration across **more than one Global Challenges Team (GCT)**
- Active involvement of, and engagement with, **external participants**

Who Can Apply

- All **MIRAI researchers** participating in R&I Week 2026 in person

How to Apply

Please submit a brief proposal including:

- 1) Session title
- 2) Proposed format and duration (30 or 60 minutes)
- 3) Short description (max. 150–200 words)
- 4) Names and affiliations of organizers (at least one from Sweden and one from Japan)
- 5) Any additional relevant merits (if applicable)

The submission URL will be available on the R&I Week 2026 website soon.

Timeline

- Call opens: **June 2026**
- Application deadline: **23:59 (JST), 15 July 2026**
- Notification of results: **Early August 2026 (week of 3 August)**

Evaluation Process

- Proposals will be reviewed and prioritized by **GCT Co-Chairs**
- Final selection will be made by Kyushu University as the conference host, taking into account:
 - Priority rankings
 - Balance of session formats and topics
 - Inclusion of meriting factors
 - Overall programme coherence including venue availability

Please note that, due to the tight timeline, final decisions will be made without additional consultation.

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