

INAUGURAL *NEURO-INSPIRED* *COMPUTATION* AND *ENTREPRENEURSHIP* WORKSHOP

Jun 30th - Jul 1st & Jul 7th, 2025

📍 University of Tokyo, International Research Center for Neurointelligence (WPI-IRCN)



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Welcome to the inaugural Entrepreneurship Workshop at the University of Tokyo's WPI-IRCN. Over the coming days, you'll join fellow researchers, builders, and innovators for an intensive program exploring how ideas at the intersection of neuroscience and AI can translate into real-world impact.

Each day is designed to introduce practical tools and fresh perspectives, from identifying promising problems to building a venture thesis, engaging with funders, and thinking through commercialization pathways. Along the way, you'll hear directly from experienced founders, investors, and academic entrepreneurs who've helped shape the deep tech landscape in Japan and beyond.

The program combines lectures, interactive sessions, and time for informal conversation and mentorship. We hope you'll come away with sharper instincts, new connections, and the confidence to start turning research into action.

SPEAKERS

Mr. Ian Burkhardt

President, The Ian Burkhardt Foundation

Ms. Jojo Platt

President, Platt & Associates

Ms. Maria Guo

Assistant Director, Harvard LPCE

Mr. Kenichi Nogami

CFO, Infcurion

Dr. Alain Prochiantz

CSO, BrainEver

Dr. Elisa Ferrari

CEO, Quantbrain

Mr. Devang Thakor

President, Anioplex

Mr. Yasuyuki Oikawa

COO, Amplified.ai

Mr. Sheen Komoto

Partner, Eight Roads

Dr. Valeria Corliano

Journal Manager, Neuroscience Portfolio at Frontiers

Mr. Jed Barron

Managing Director, Accolade

Mr. Patrick Newell

Professor, Shizenkan University

Mr. Shun Nagao

President, Corundum Convergence Institute

Ms. Chiamin Lai

Managing Partner, FIRSTLIGHT Capital

Mr. Makoto Ohori

Partner/CIO, UTokyoIPC

Mr. Sou Miyake

Director, Corundum Systems Biology

Dr. Takao Hensch

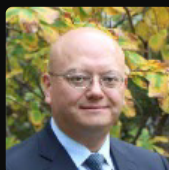
Director/Professor of Neurology, IRCN, Harvard

ORGANIZERS



Shun Nagao

President, Corundum Convergence Institute;
Chief Financial Officer, Corundum Systems Biology



Prof. Takao Hensch, PhD

Professor of Molecular and Cellular Biology, Harvard Center for Brain Science; Prof. of Neurology, Harvard Medical School; Director of International Research Center for Neurointelligence

AGENDA



🕒	JUN 30TH		JUL 1ST		JUL 2-5TH	JUL 7TH		
	Module	Speakers	Module	Speakers	MAIN SESSION DAYS	Module	Speakers	
8:30	Arrival/Check in							
9:00	Kick Off Remarks	Shun Nagao & Prof. Hensch					Finance 101	Jed Barron
10:00	Introduction to the Spirit of Entrepreneurship	Ian Burkhart Jojo Platt	IP 101, Competitive Moats, and Value Creation	Devang Thakor JD, PhD Yasuyuki Oikawa			Coffee Break	
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11:00	Introduction of Startup Concepts	Harvard LPCE Team	Coffee Break				Story Telling & The Elements of Pitching	Prof. Patrick Newell
			Free Time					
12:00	Lunch		Lunch				Lunch	
13:00	Market Opportunity & Product/Market Fit	Kenichi Nogami	Project Team Work Block				Project Team Work Block	
14:00			Business Model & Startup Decision Making	Shinichiro (Sheen) Komoto				Exits & The Investor Perspective
15:00	Project Team Work Block					Coffee Break		
16:00			Guest Keynote Session	Frontiers in Neural Circuit Valeria Corliano			Teams Present Projects	
17:00	Entrepreneur Keynote Session	Alain Prochiantz, PhD Elisa Ferrari	Project Team Work Block				VC Reverse Pitch (UTokyo IPC / FIRSTLIGHT Capital / Corundum Systems Biology)	
18:00								
19:00			Reception			Reception		

Thank you for joining us as part of this inaugural cohort.

We hope the days ahead spark new ideas, new connections, and fresh ways of thinking about the future of neuroscience-driven innovation.