



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Fixstars Launches Global Student Programming Competition “Speedup Contest 2026”

Second Edition Challenges Students to Push Hardware and Algorithm Performance

IRVINE, California — February 17, 2026 — Fixstars Corporation (TSE Prime: 3687, US Headquarters: Irvine, CA), a global leader in performance engineering, is proud to announce the launch of the Fixstars Speedup Contest 2026. Starting February 19, 2026, students from around the world are invited to compete in a high-stakes challenge to develop the fastest program possible.

**For Students
Fixstars
Speedup Contest 2026**

Event Dates: Feb 19 (Thu) – Mar 2 (Mon), 2026
Winners Announced: Mid-March 2026

Prizes:

- **1st Place: ¥500,000**
- **2nd Place: ¥200,000**
- **3rd Place: ¥100,000**

In this contest, participants will create a program to execute a specific task defined in the problem statement. Each entry will be executed in a standardized environment provided by Fixstars, with processing times measured and displayed on a real-time leaderboard. The "Main Competition," reserved exclusively for students, offers a top prize of 500,000

JPY. An "Exhibition" category is also available for non-students who wish to test their skills against the leaderboard.

About Performance Engineering and Speed Optimization

Achieving peak processing speed requires more than just algorithmic improvements; it demands a deep understanding of hardware characteristics to achieve integrated optimization. This specialized field is known as Performance Engineering. Through this contest, Fixstars aims to provide aspiring engineers with an opportunity to experience the depth and excitement of high-performance computing.

Contest Overview: Fixstars Speedup Contest 2026

This marks the second edition of the student-focused competition following its successful debut in 2024. Official Website: <https://fixstars-contest.com/>

Schedule (Japan Standard Time)

February 17, 2026	Registration Opens
February 19, 2026, 6:00 PM	Submission Period Starts
March 2, 2026, 6:00 PM	Submission/Registration Deadline
Mid-March 2026	Results Announcement

Eligibility

Main Competition	Participants must be students (University, Graduate School, Vocational College, etc.) at the time of registration.
Exhibition	No restrictions.

Prizes (Main Competition Only)

1st Place	500,000 JPY
2nd Place	200,000 JPY
3rd Place	100,000 JPY
4th Place	50,000 JPY
5th Place	10,000 JPY

Notes:

- Exhibition participants are not eligible for the Main Competition leaderboard or prizes.
- Employees, part-time workers, and interns of Fixstars Corporation (as of February 2026) are ineligible for both categories.
- Please refer to the official website for full rules and technical specifications.

###

About Fixstars Corporation

Fixstars is a technology company guided by the corporate message "Speed up your AI." By leveraging advanced software optimization techniques that maximize computational resources, Fixstars achieves overwhelming speedups in both AI model inference and training processes. We drive the evolution of next-generation AI across various fields, including healthcare, manufacturing, finance, and mobility. For more information, visit: <https://www.fixstars.com/>

Media Contact

Public Relations, Fixstars Corporation

Email: press@fixstars.com

Tel: (408) 400-3679