## Haiku/Senryu Poetry Competition

Calling all students and staff, all poets and non-poets from the University of Glasgow!



Are you a student who often has an unstable connection when a Zoom class is about to start? Are you a lecturer who has forgotten to record your lecture? Are you an administrator who misses your work computer? Are Zoom meetings/lectures draining your energy?

All students and staff of the University of Glasgow are invited to submit contemporary Haiku/Senryu on COVID-19 by Friday 16 April 2021. (There are cash prizes for the student authors.)

## What is Haiku/Senryu?

Haiku is a traditional Japanese unrhymed poem, written in a 5/7/5 meter, which often focuses on images from nature. Senryu (also in 5/7/5), by contrast, usually refers to human nature or emotions, often with a sense of humour.

## Examples of Senryu by Japanese university students about online teaching:

Hard to connect both internet and people

Not enough money, conversation or sunshine

Remote learning All I've really gained Is fat

For every class An assignment Frankly impossible

Normality is actually priceless

(More examples are in the attached.)

**Theme**: COVID-19 and remote study/teaching/working

**Awards**: There will be four awards for each of the two categories: students and staff. Thanks to the generous donation from the Japan Alumni Association of the University of Glasgow, there are <u>cash prizes for the STUDENT authors!</u>

Deadline: Friday 16 April 2021

Please use the attached form and send it to <Japan\_Scotland@glasgow.ac.uk> with the subject 'Haiku/Senryu poetry competition entry'. For more details (guideline, awards, judges, how to submit, more Senryu examples, and form), please see the attached.

We look forward to receiving many humorous, witty Haiku/Senryu!