

# Keiichi Ihara

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## Research Interest

I am conducting research in the field of Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), exploring how traditional 2D experiences in entertainment, communication, and education can be transformed into immersive, interactive, and physically engaging 3D experiences using Mixed Reality (MR) technologies.

## Education

2025.08 –	<b>University of Colorado Boulder</b> Ph.D. program in Computer Science Advisor: Dr. Ryo Suzuki
2025.04 – 2025.08	<b>Tohoku University</b> Research Intern Advisor: Dr. Yoshifumi Kitamura
2024.08 – 2025.03	<b>Singapore Management University</b> Research Intern Advisor: Dr. Min Lee and Dr. Tony Tang
2022.12 – 2024.08	<b>University of Calgary</b> Research Intern Advisor: Dr. Ryo Suzuki
2024.04 – 2024.08	<b>Tohoku University</b> Research Intern Advisor: Dr. Yoshifumi Kitamura
2022.04 – 2024.03	<b>University of Tsukuba</b> M.E. Computer Science Advisor: Dr. Ikkaku Kawaguchi & Dr. Buntarou Shizuki
2018.04 – 2022.03	<b>University of Tsukuba</b> B.S. Media Sciences and Engineering

## Research Publications

### Conference Papers

- 1 A. Gunturu, B. Pearman, **K. Ihara**, *et al.*, “Mapstory: Llm-powered text-driven map animation prototyping with human-in-the-loop editing,” 2025.
- 2 **K. Ihara**, K. Monteiro, M. Faridan, R. H. Kazi, and R. Suzuki, “Video2mr: Automatically generating mixed reality 3d instructions by augmenting extracted motion from 2d videos,” in *Proceedings of the 30th International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI’25)*, 2025.
- 3 A. Ichikawa, **K. Ihara**, and I. Kawaguchi, “Investigation of how animal avatar affects users’ self-disclosure and subjective responses in one-on-one interactions in vr,” in *Proceedings of the Asian HCI Symposium 2023*, 2023.
- 4 **K. Ihara**, M. Faridan, A. Ichikawa, I. Kawaguchi, and R. Suzuki, “Holobots: Augmenting holographic telepresence with mobile robots for tangible remote collaboration in mixed reality,” in *The 36th Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST’23)*, 2023.

- 5 **K. Ihara** and I. Kawaguchi, "Ar object layout method using miniature room generated from depth data," in *International Conference on Artificial Reality and Telexistence and Eurographics Symposium on Virtual Environments (ICAT-EGVE'22)*, The Eurographics Association, 2022.
- 6 **K. Ihara** and I. Kawaguchi, "Virtual object placement in mr space using a 3d miniature model of a room," in *Proceedings of the Asian HCI Symposium 2022*, 2022, pp. 23–29.

## Poster and Demos

- 1 A. Ichikawa, **K. Ihara**, A. Tanokashira, and I. Kawaguchi, *Investigating the effect of animal avatars on users' self-disclosure during interaction in vr space*, in *International Conference on Artificial Reality and Telexistence and Eurographics Symposium on Virtual Environments (ICAT-EGVE'22)*, The Eurographics Association, 2022.
- 2 I. Kawaguchi, A. Ichikawa, **K. Ihara**, R. Ishibashi, and A. Tanokashira, *Hybrid robot with physical and ar body presentation*, in *International Conference on Artificial Reality and Telexistence and Eurographics Symposium on Virtual Environments (ICAT-EGVE'22)*, The Eurographics Association, 2022.

## Research Publications (Japanese)

### Journal Articles

- 1 川口一画, 井原圭一, 市川あゆみ, 佐方葵, 守新太郎, 物理的提示とAR提示を併用するハイブリッド型ロボットにおける頭部と腕部の提示方法の違いによる影響. 情報処理学会論文誌 65-3 (掲載予定), 2024.

### Conference Papers

- 1 守新太郎, 井原圭一, 川口一画 "Arハンドとemsによる手指の同期を用いた遠隔でのピアノ演奏指導," 第31回インタラクティブシステムとソフトウェアに関するワークショップ (WISS 2023), 日本ソフトウェア科学会, 2023.
- 2 石橋遼, 田之頭吾音, 井原圭一, 川口一画 "Ar空間内における視線およびコントローラを用いたオブジェクト操作手法," 第30回インタラクティブシステムとソフトウェアに関するワークショップ (WISS 2022), 日本ソフトウェア科学会, 2022.
- 3 井原圭一, 川口一画 "部屋の3次元縮小モデルを用いたmr空間内における仮想オブジェクト配置," 第29回インタラクティブシステムとソフトウェアに関するワークショップ (WISS 2021), 日本ソフトウェア科学会, 2021.

## Awards

2024.03	Program Leader Award in Computer Science, University of Tsukuba
2022.03	Dean of School of Informatics Award, University of Tsukuba
2021.02	Ibaraki Digital Content and Software Awards 2020, Software Category

## Scholarship, Funding, Fee Exemptions

2024.04 – 2024.08	NEC C&C foundation (150,000 JPY/month)
2023.10 – 2023.11	University of Tsukuba Study Abroad Support Project (Habatake!) (150,000 JPY)
2023.07 – 2023.09	UCalgary Mitacs Globalink Research Award (6,000 CAD)
2023.04 – 2024.03	Tuition Fee Exemption (535,800 JPY)

## Scholarship, Funding, Fee Exemptions (continued)

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2022.04 - 2024.03      Japan Student Services Organization (88,000 JPY/month)

## Service

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Reviewer      UIST2025, SIGGRAPH Asia2025, CHI2024  
Student Volunteer      CHI2025, IUI2025, WISS2021

## Teaching

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2022.10 - 2023.02      Teaching Assistant at University of Tsukuba  
Beginner's Guide to Programming with Buntarou Shizuki