



## **Selection criteria - LoT2026**

### **PHASE 1 – Participation Applications**

- Only university students and PhD candidates who are members of AISF are eligible to participate.
- Underage students are not eligible to participate in LoT2026 under the Italian jurisdiction

Below are the selection criteria that the LoT2026 Organizing Committee will adopt if the number of applications for conference participation exceeds the available spots, namely 35 participants requiring accommodation and 5 participants without accommodation.

- The maximum number of available spots is divided as follows: 18 spots allocated to international participants; 17 spots reserved for Italian participants from any committee except Pisa and Florence; and 5 spots without accommodation reserved for participants from Pisa and Florence.
- Priority will be given to candidates who have already taken the course of Electromagnetism. Other courses that can help the understanding of the lectures, but are not strictly required, are: Quantum Mechanics, Structure of matter, Optics, and photonics.
- The Organizing Committee will try to achieve gender equality among the conference participants. Perfect parity may be subject to slight adjustments proportional to the number of applications received.
- The Organizing Committee will strive to achieve as much balance as possible among the Italian committees. This condition of perfect parity may be slightly modified in proportion to the number of applications received.
- The number of spots reserved for students from Bachelor's, Master's, and PhD courses will be proportional to the number of applications received.

Motivational letters constitute a fundamental component of the selection process and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Demonstrated interest in the topics covered during the proposed conferences;
- Specific interest in one or more speakers at the event;
- Interest in research and in the scientific activities promoted by the



Universities of Pisa and Florence and by the institutions involved in the event;

- Interest in one or more laboratories included in the visit program;
- Motivation to participate in LoT2026 as an opportunity for networking and to further the mission of AISF (<https://ai-sf.it/about/>);
- Originality and quality of the submitted content.

We encourage applicants to use the cover letters to tell us who they are, what they're passionate about (both physics and in general), and why they'd like to participate in LoT26.

Do you think it might be in line with your study or career choices? Are you curious to broaden your horizons, or could it be a special occasion for you? Tell us how you expect the Conference to be a significant event in your career. Given the highly personal nature of cover letters, we strongly encourage you to write them yourself, without resorting to LLM. We care about content, not form!

## **PHASE 2 – Allocation of Spots and Replacements**

Should any selected participant decline their participation, new candidates will be identified following the selection criteria described in phase 1.

Please note that the Executive Committee will ensure the integrity of the entire selection process by overseeing each phase. All the criteria and decisions outlined in this document have been unanimously approved by the LoT2026 Organizing Committee and the AISF Executive Committee.