

## **Selection criteria - LoT2025**

## **PHASE 1 – Participation Applications**

Below are the selection criteria that the LoT2025 Organizing Committee will adopt in the event that 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; 5 spots without accommodation reserved for participants from Pisa and Florence.
- Underage students are not eligible to participate in LoT2025, under the Italian jurisdiction.
- Priority will be given to candidates who have already taken the course of Electrodynamics. Other courses that can help the understanding of the lectures, but not strictly required are: Quantum Mechanics, Structure of matter, Optics and photonics.
- The Organizing Committee will endeavor to achieve maximum gender balance among the conference participants. The condition of absolute parity may be subject to slight adjustments proportional to the number of applications received.
- The number of spots reserved to 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 the scientific activities promoted by the Universities of Pisa and Florence and the institution involved in the event;
- Interest in one or more laboratories included in the visit program;
- Motivation to participate in LoT2025 as an opportunity for networking and to further the mission of AISF (<u>https://ai-sf.it/about/</u>);
- Originality and quality of the submitted content.



## **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 LoT2025 Organizing Committee and the AISF Executive Committee.

The President of AISF

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