

## CONFERENCE

### GRAVICON 2026 - GRAVITATIONAL WAVES: THE AGE OF DISCOVERY

Academic Year 2025/26

#### Art. 1

The Scuola Normale Superiore is organising for the academic year 2025/2026 - within the **MERITA Project, the network for talent**, with funding of the Piano Nazionale di Ripresa e Resilienza (PNRR) (NRRP, the National Recovery and Resilience Plan), Mission 4 – Education and Research, Component 1, Investment 3.4 "Advanced university training and skills" – "Reinforcement of the Scuole universitarie superiori (the university institutes of higher education)", Public notice pursuant to Director's Decree No. 594/2024 - a conference denominated: **"GRaviCon 2026 - Gravitational Waves: The Age of Discovery"**.

The conference will be held in person from 22 April to 24 April 2026 at the site of the Scuola, for a total of 19,5 hours.

The official language of the conference is English.

The conference will have a maximum of 56 participants.

#### Art. 2

##### Educational objectives

The conference **"GRaviCon 2026 - Gravitational Waves: The Age of Discovery"** has the aim of strengthening the connection between data analysis, instrument science, and observations, fostering collaboration across these areas to tackle the challenges of gravitational-wave research. We will also highlight different experiments and missions - such as LVK, Einstein Telescope, LISA, PTA, and LiteBIRD - and explore how their findings can complement one another. Organized by early-career scientists, this conference provides a platform to deepen discussions on the current state and future directions of gravitational-wave science.

#### Art. 3

##### Those qualifying and admission requirements

The above described activities are suitable for students of Italian and non-Italian universities enrolled in courses of Master's Degree, PhD students, and young researchers.

Selection mode: Priority will be given to candidates who submit an abstract. If places are still available, selection will be based on the order of registration.

#### Art. 4

##### Organisation of the Conference

Each day is made up of 4 hours of talks and a panel session of 1,5 hours. At the end of the first and second day of the conference there will be a poster session of 1,5 hours.

Every day there will be a 1,5 hour lunch break (13:00- 14:30) and a 30 minutes coffee break (11.00- 11:30).

#### Art. 5

##### Admission applications

Those intending to compete for admission to the conference with a contributed talk or poster must submit an application with the following [link](#) no later than 31 March 2026.

On pain of non-admittance to the conference, a valid identity document must be attached to the application.

In addition to the mandatory attachment, a contributed talk or poster abstract presentation may be attached.

All applications arriving late or in a form different from that stated in the article herein, for whatever reason, will not be taken into consideration.

All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Organizing Committee. Selection for contributed talks will be based on relevance. Abstracts deemed suitable but not selected for oral presentation may be accepted as poster contributions.

False or mendacious declarations are punishable pursuant to the Penal Code and to the specific Laws, Arts. 75 and 76 of D.PR. 445/2000.

At any moment of the procedure, including after the start of the conference, the Scuola may carry out checks as to the veracity of the declarations submitted and the documents produced and may request to see the documents in the original. In the case of false declarations, the Scuola may invoke a special Rector's Decree for the exclusion of the applicant, except for any ensuing penal responsibilities.

#### **Art. 6**

##### **Enrolment fees and benefits**

Participation in the conference does not entail enrolment fees.

Admission to the conference includes participation in the talks, panel sessions and lunch on the days when the conference takes place.

Participants also have the right to ask for accommodation. In order to request accommodation for the duration of the conference, applicants must complete the appropriate form on the Indico page at the time of registration. Requests must be submitted by the deadline of 31 March 2026. Due to limited availability, accommodation can be provided only to a limited number of applicants. The selection will be based on the scientific evaluation of the submitted abstract.

#### **Art. 7**

##### **Acceptance procedure**

Applicants admitted to the conference who intend to take part must confirm their participation, on pain of exclusion, by the deadline and with the procedure indicated in the notice of admission.

#### **Art. 8**

##### **Certification issued**

At the end of the conference, those having attended at least 80% of the total scheduled hours will be awarded by the Scuola Normale Superiore a certificate of participation valid within the limits permitted by law.

#### **Art. 9**

##### **Processing of personal data and manager of the procedure**

EU Regulation 2016/679, the General Data Protection Regulation, is applicable to the candidates' personal data processing.

The Data Controller of the personal data provided by the interested parties is the Scuola Normale Superiore, a public university institute, located in Piazza dei Cavalieri, 7 Pisa - 56126, in the person of its Director and pro tempore legal representative.

Applicants' personal data will be collected by the Scuola for the purposes of the selection/admission procedure and will be processed for the fulfilment of the same, and, for successful applicants, for the subsequent career management of the PhD students and all connected activities.

Personal data are thus provided to the SNS for the performance of tasks of public interest or at any rate connected to the exercising of its public powers, including the purposes of archiving, historical research and analysis for statistical purposes. Personal data will be processed, also with automated tools (software and databases administered by the SNS and hosted by any contracting entities), in compliance with the principles of accountability, lawfulness, correctness, minimization, transparency, integrity, accuracy, confidentiality and proportionality..

The personal data collected will be communicated or transferred to third parties (public and / or private parties) in the context of institutional relations, for the fulfilment of legal obligations or regulations or of contracts, within the services required by the SNS (access to facilities, etc.).

The personal data collected may be communicated or transferred to parties established in third countries, but only if suitable data protection guarantees and conditions have been ascertained.

The personal data collected will be published on the official online register and on the SNS's institutional website if specified by the law and other regulations of the SNS.

The personal data collected will be processed and stored for the time strictly necessary to achieve the purposes for which they have been collected, with the application of the regulations concerning documentation storage by public institutions.

The data subject may at all times exercise the following rights:

- a) access to personal data, under the terms and conditions of Art. 15 of the Regulations;
- b) the rectification, erasure or restriction of the processing of personal data, under the terms and conditions of Articles 16-18 of the Regulations; erasure is not permitted for data included in any documents that the SNS is required to keep;
- c) the portability of data, under the terms and conditions of Art. 20 of the Regulations;
- d) objection to the processing of his or her data, under Article 21 of the Regulations;
- e) the right to submit a complaint to the Data Protection Authority, by sending a request to the e-mail address [privacy@sns.it](mailto:privacy@sns.it) or via PEC (certified e-mail) to the e-mail address [protocollo@pec.sns.it](mailto:protocollo@pec.sns.it).

For any further information, please contact the Data Protection Officer (DPO), at the e-mail address [dpo@sns.it](mailto:dpo@sns.it)

#### **Art. 10.**

##### **Final provisions and referrals, information**

The head of the Teaching Activities Service, Dr. Silvia Marcacci, is the administrative manager of the procedure.