CIMT/NIBIT Summer School in Immuno-Oncology
Erice, Sicily, Italy
July 23 – 26, 2026

Application Guidelines

Applications are open for post-docs and advanced PhD students who are enrolled in a cancer immunotherapy program and who have a research focus in cancer cell therapy.

Interested early-career scientists must submit 1. a scientific abstract, 2. a scientific CV, and 3. a letter of intent which describes their academic and professional goals and projects. As the number of available places is limited, applications will be reviewed and selected by the Summer School Program Committee.

Abstract format:

The abstract text should not exceed a maximum of 3,000 characters (incl. spaces). **Please submit text as a Word document only.**

Abstracts must describe the purposes and results of the research so that the Scientific Abstract Committee can evaluate the quality, novelty, and comprehensiveness of the work. Each abstract should contain: (a) an introductory sentence indicating the purposes of the study; (b) a brief description of pertinent experimental procedures; (c) a summary of the data; and (d) a statement of the conclusions.

Please use the following format:

Title: (e.g., The role of the tumor microenvironment in …)

Authors: Author 1 (Name Surname)[1], Author 2[2], Author 3[1], ...

[1]Affiliation 1 (Name of the Institute/University, City, Country), [2]Affiliation 2, ……

Abstract text:

- As a single body text, no paragraphs, without any subheading
- No references
- No citation, figure, table, or any illustration should be added to the abstract.
- Abbreviations may be used in the body of an abstract if they are defined at their first mention in the text
- Double-check all your special characters.

Be sure to carefully check your abstract for content errors, spelling, names, etc., before submitting. **CIMT/NIBIT will not proofread submissions for spelling, typographical,**

grammatical, or scientific errors. Please note that your abstract will be published in the 2026 Summer School Program and Abstract Book.

Each participant will present their research in a poster session. Based on the quality of the submitted abstract, selected participants will also be invited to give a 5-minute flash talk. Participants will be informed of their presentation format following the review and acceptance process.

Submission:

The CV and letter of intent should be submitted as a PDF, the abstract as a **Word document**.

Please send all required documents to isphav@ateneo.univr.it by April 20, 2026.

Notifications will be sent by **April 30, 2026**.

Registration Fee:

The registration fee of 495 EUR includes participation in the course, round-trip airport transfers within Sicily, accommodation, all meals, and guided city tour, gala dinner, and visit to archaeological sites. The registration fee must be paid on site at Erice, either in cash or by credit card.

For more information, please write to Daria Sukhova at **isphav@ateneo.univr.it**.