Guidelines for proposals

Overview

ISIT 2027 plans to hold in-person workshops on Sunday, June 27, 2027.

Workshops provide an informal and interactive forum for participants to meet and discuss emerging research topics. The ISIT 2027 Workshop Co-Chairs particularly encourage proposals that cut across disciplines, with co-organizers from fields adjacent to information theory, as well as workshops at the forefront of technology with industrial applications. Proposals exploring emerging directions and new frontiers in distributed computing networks, coding & cryptography, quantum technologies, and AI, through the lens of information theory are particularly encouraged

Submission Instructions

Proposals should be submitted as a single PDF file via the following link available here

Important dates for workshop submissions:

- Application Open: Sep. 15, 2026
- Submission deadline: Nov. 15, 2026, AoE
- Acceptance notification: Dec. 1, 2026, AoE

Workshop Format and Capacity

We expect to accept only a limited number of workshop proposals. The final number selected will depend on the overall quality and relevance of the submissions received. While ISIT 2027 has the capacity to accommodate up to six workshops, only the strongest proposals will be chosen.

Proposals for both half-day and full-day workshops are welcome. The half-day format (4 hours) remains preferred; a very limited number of full-day workshops may nonetheless be selected, provided they demonstrate exceptional scientific quality, broad appeal, and strategic value for the ISIT community.

We also welcome joint submissions for a full-day tutorial-plus-workshop, combining a morning tutorial with a related afternoon workshop. Applicants interested in this format should submit the same joint proposal to both the Call for Workshops and the Call for Tutorials.

Full-day workshop-plus-tutorial proposals will be jointly evaluated by the Workshop and Tutorial Committees. The proposal will be accepted as a combined full-day event only if

both components are approved; otherwise, either component may still be considered for acceptance independently.

The workshop's format is determined by their organizers, who are encouraged to leave ample time to foster participant interaction. Workshops may include a mix of regular papers, invited presentations, keynotes, panels, poster sessions, open problem sessions, and sessions that encourage the participation of attendees in active discussions. Each workshop's format is determined by its organizers, who are encouraged to leave ample time to foster participant interaction. Workshops may include a mix of regular papers, invited presentations, keynotes, panels, poster sessions, open problem sessions, and sessions that encourage the participation of attendees in active discussions. Here, "regular papers" refers to papers submitted to the workshop and selected for acceptance by the workshop organizers through a review process they establish.

Funding

ISIT 2027 anticipates providing approximately $10K-$15K in funding for a full-day workshop. These funds are intended to support the attendance of participants from adjacent communities who do not normally attend the ISIT; they will not be allocated to subsidize travel for regular ISIT attendees. Funds may also be used to enrich the workshop in ways beyond travel support. The allocation of these funds is subject to approval by the ISIT workshop chairs.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria are mainly considered when selecting proposals.

1. **Novelty and Technical Strength:** The strength of the proposed technical area of the workshop and the invited speakers, intellectual interest, and relevance to ISIT participants. The creativity of the workshop structure for encouraging interaction and fostering connections.
2. **Accessibility:** The extent to which organizers and invited speakers, who do not regularly attend the ISIT, are included as a core part of the program. The degree to which the proposal complements, rather than competes, with the main ISIT meeting. Accessibility to the ISIT participants so they can gain (or strengthen) foundational knowledge in the topic area.
3. **Prior experiences:** Prior experience of the co-organizers and a history of relevant activities, a diversity of seniorities, and other measures of diversity are encouraged.

Proposal Format

Proposals may be up to three pages in length for the main body, with an additional two pages of supplemental information about organizers, and unlimited references.

The three pages of the main proposal must include:

- **Full title:** This may include an acronym, which could facilitate recognition if the workshop is envisaged to have multiple editions over future years.
- **Type:** This indicates whether the proposal is for a half-day workshop, a full-day workshop, or a full-day workshop-plus-tutorial. For this last option, the same proposal should also be submitted to the Call for Tutorials, noting that tutorial proposals are due later than workshop proposals; the ISIT Tutorial Co-Chairs would be brought in to consider any such proposed coupling.
- **Short abstract** (up to 200 words): This explains the main ideas, highlighting the differences with respect to topics covered by the Symposium and the potential benefits to the Society and to workshop / ISIT attendees.
- **Keywords:** This lists the main topics covered.
- **Expected number of attendees:** This gives an estimate of the expected attendance.
- **Publication information:** This indicates whether workshop paper authors should have the option to publish their papers in the IEEE Xplore Digital Library: Yes/No.
- **Extended abstract** (up to 1000 words, including references as necessary): This discusses the motivation, relation with topics covered by the Symposium, interactions with sibling communities, impact in terms of new attendees, and benefits for typical ISIT attendees.
- **Tentative program:** This describes the targeted mix of regular papers, invited presentations, keynotes, and panels (any subset of these would be acceptable), naming specific contributors where possible.
- **Budgeting:** Given the approximately $10K-$15K in anticipated funding per workshop, this indicates whom the organizers propose to support with these funds, noting that funds may only be used for attendees who do not normally attend the ISIT. Beyond travel support, this also suggests other uses for the funds. Workshop registration fees will also be charged; these contribute to the cost of coffee breaks, publication in IEEE Xplore, etc.
- **Diversity:** This provides an account of efforts made to ensure diversity among organizers and speakers, including, among other possibilities, intellectual, demographic, gender, geographic, seniority, and academic/industrial/governmental diversity.

- **JSAIT / BITS:** This comments on the possibility or plans for a proposal for a special issue of JSAIT based on the workshop, or on the potential for tutorial papers in the BITS magazine.

The two pages of supplemental information about the organizers must include:

- **Contacts:** This lists organizer name(s), affiliation(s), address(es), and email(s).
- **Bios:** This provides short bios of the organizer(s), including expertise on the proposed topic — such as relevant publications or projects, experience organizing similar efforts in the past — and a personal website link.

Post-Submission Steps

After uploading the proposal via the submission link provided earlier in this document, proposers are also asked to send an email with the submitted proposal to the ISIT 2027 Workshop Co-Chairs at *isit2027-workshops@ieee-isit.org*, requesting to be added to the workshop mailing list. Any updates on process and procedures, or emerging FAQs, will be shared with the list.

Questions

For any questions, please contact the ISIT 2027 Workshop Co-Chairs at *isit2027-workshops@ieee-isit.org* .