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# Galileo Festival of Science and Innovation

Academy Project

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

Padua,  
May 8-10, 2026

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# 1. The Project



# Festival of Science and Innovation

During its 13th edition, the Festival will focus on the major challenges of innovation: meetings and discussions with leading experts in the **space economy**, **AI** and **robotics**, **health tech**, and **innovative enterprises**.

This event represents a unique opportunity to **explore** the paths shaped by **scientific research** and **cutting-edge companies**, offering insight into the changes required for the technological development of the future.

Promoted by Gruppo NEM, Il Nordest, *Il Mattino di Padova* and the Comune di Padova, and curated by Post Eventi, the Galileo Festival will bring together Nobel Prize laureates, scientists, institutions, and entrepreneurs to outline the discoveries that will shape innovation in the years ahead.





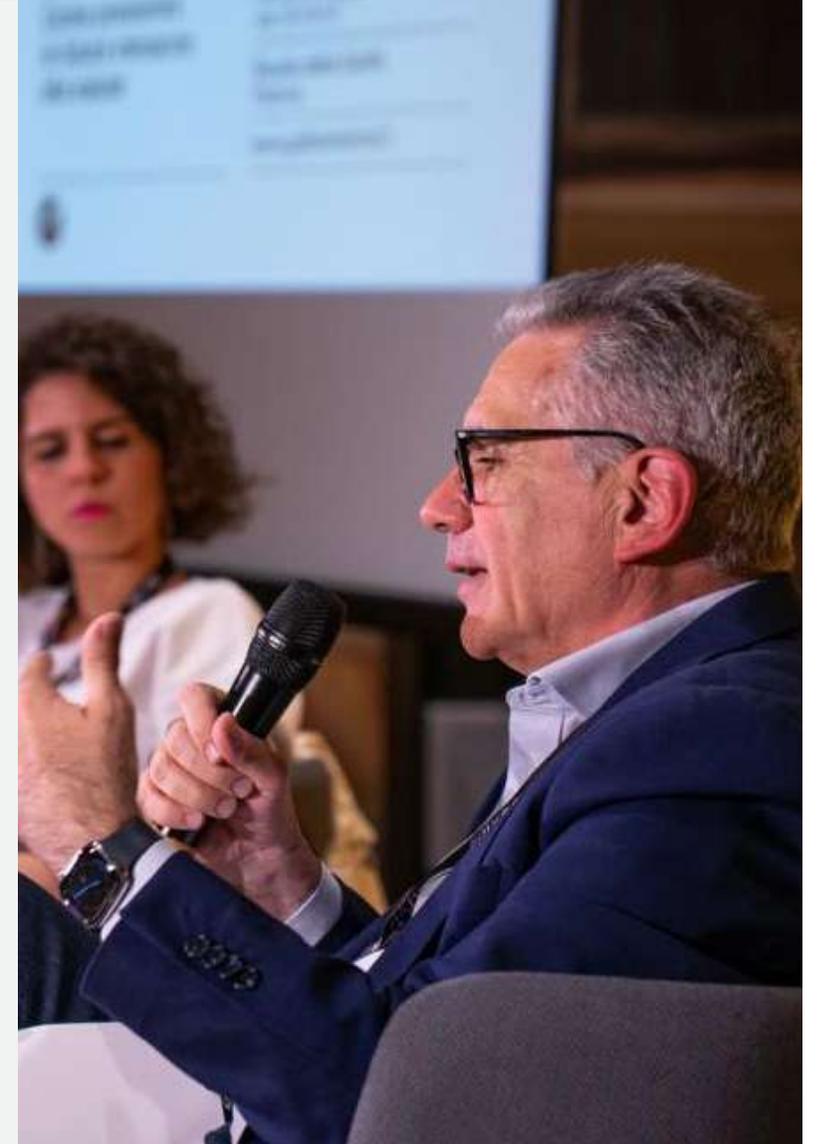
## Our Guests

The Galileo Festival confirms its status as a high-profile platform, bringing together scientists, institutions, and business leaders to discuss the future of innovation.

Testifying to the prestige of the event, past editions have hosted world-renowned figures such as Nobel Prize in Physics laureates **Giorgio Parisi** and **Andre K. Gejm**.

Leading scientific figures have also taken part, including Senator for Life **Elena Cattaneo**, **Maria Chiara Carrozza** (President of Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche) and **Rocco Bellantone** (President of Istituto Superiore di Sanità).

The dialogue with industry has featured ESA astronaut **Paolo Nespoli** and top executives such as **Alberto Bombassei** (Chairman Emeritus of Brembo), **Alberto Vacchi** (Ceo of IMA Group), and **Elena Zambon** (President of Zambon Spa).





# Galileo Academy”

Within this context, the Galileo Festival Academy offers university and ITS students the opportunity to **engage directly** with scientists, top managers, and opinion leaders on key topics in research, technological development, and the economy of the future. The objective is to provide participants with critical analysis tools and specific skills to guide their academic and professional paths toward the new challenges of innovation.

The program also offers students selected for **Option 1 (Guided Company Visits + Festival)** the opportunity to take part in **guided visits to companies of excellence-true** case studies in product or process innovation. Visits will take place on the **afternoon of Thursday, May 7, and the morning of Friday, May 8**, allowing participants to experience the region’s industrial forefront firsthand.





# Experience program

- **Exclusive access**  
Admission to all Festival events, with reserved seating and the opportunity for direct dialogue with speakers;
- **Guided visits to leading companies**  
Discover real case studies in technological, product, or process innovation (for students selected for Option 1);
- **Accommodation**  
Shared rooms in affiliated facilities for the entire duration of the scholarship stay (from May 7 to May 10, 2026, depending on the selected option);
- **Meals included**  
Fixed-menu lunches and dinners at venues designated by the organization;
- **Dedicated transfers**  
Bus transfers from accommodation facilities to Festival venues and companies (where necessary);
- **Collective experience**  
Networking opportunities with students, researchers, and professionals from across Italy;
- **Certificate of participation**  
Official certificate to enhance your Curriculum Vitae;
- **Limited places**  
Participation is reserved for 200 selected students: submitting an application does not guarantee automatic confirmation.



# Application Options and Fees

The available international fellowships cover 50% of participation costs. To confirm attendance, selected students are required to pay a fee that varies depending on the chosen option:

- **Option 1 | Guided Company Visits + Galileo Festival**

From Thursday, May 7 to Sunday, May 10, 2026 (4 days, 3 nights).

Participation fee: **€360**.

- **Option 2 | Galileo Festival Participation Only**

From Friday, May 8 to Sunday, May 10, 2026 (3 days, 2 nights).

Participation fee: **€260**.

**Please note:** Travel expenses to and from Padua, the Festival venue, are entirely at the expense of the selected students.

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# Applications and Selection

The **Galileo Festival Academy 2026** offers **200 international fellowships**, providing students with the exclusive opportunity to access the program as key participants. Selected candidates will actively take part in all scheduled activities during the Festival days and fully benefit from the advantages listed above.

Students awarded the residential scholarship **are required to pay** one of the participation fees indicated on page 7.

To submit your application and seize this unique training and networking opportunity, **[click here](#)** or visit the official website: **[www.galileofestival.it](http://www.galileofestival.it)**

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