

We are looking for **chairs** for the **PIs of Tomorrow Competition 2027**

within **LS² Annual Meeting 2027**
10-11 February
Amphipôle, University of Lausanne

Deadline to apply: May 31, 2026

The "**PIs of Tomorrow - The Future of Swiss Research**" session is an opportunity for postdocs and junior researchers interested in pursuing an academic career to present a talk in a similar format to a professorship application interview. A jury panel of professors will evaluate the presentations and provide feedback in a one-on-one session afterward. This session is one of the highlights of the Annual Meeting (e.g., see [2026 PIOT](#) in Zurich).

What are your tasks as chair?

- Organize the PIOT session;
- Help to design the call for applicants and evaluators;
- Advertise the session;
- Oversee the evaluation process;
- Choose and invite a jury for an on-site session;
- Chair the session during the Annual Meeting.

What does this role bring to you?

- Experience in organizing and moderating scientific sessions;
- Expands your network;
- Ability to follow a PI selection procedure;
- Soft skills, especially agility;
- Increased visibility;
- A great entry for your CV!

If you wish to become a PIOT Chair, please [apply HERE](#) by May 31, 2026.

You can apply **individually**. Alternatively, if you already have 2-3 colleagues interested in co-chairing with you, please apply as a **team** (indicate in comments, max 4 chairs). The call is not restricted to LS² members, but please note that **you must already reside in Switzerland**. No overseas applicants will be accepted.

The team will have the full support of the LS² Managing Office to assist with their tasks. We will also cover your registration fee, as well as your travel and accommodation expenses during the Annual Meeting 2027.

We look forward to receiving your applications!

Best wishes,

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LS² Scientific Officers