

FONDAZIONE MEIS
Museo Nazionale dell'Ebraismo Italiano e della Shoah di Ferrara - National Museum of
Italian Judaism and the Shoah
Via Piangipane, 79/83 – 44121 Ferrara, Italy

Prot. 129/I/2024

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE
“CLOTILDE AND MAURIZIO PONTECORVO” RESEARCH GRANT

CONSIDERING the proposal advanced by Centro Studi “Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo” on 30 November 2018 to establish a grant at the Museo Nazionale dell'Ebraismo Italiano e della Shoah – MEIS [National Museum of Italian Judaism and the Shoah - MEIS] to cover a two-year research project concerning “Women in the history, culture and education of Italian Jews”;

CONSIDERING resolution no. 66 of the MEIS Board of Directors dated 13 December 2018, which fully accepts the proposal of Centro Studi “Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo”;

CONSIDERING agreement no. 71 between MEIS and Centro Studi “Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo”, approved by the MEIS Board of Directors at its meeting of 24 September 2019 and defining the topic to be covered by the research grant, project motivation, destination of the grant, the timing, the economic support;

CONSIDERING the willingness expressed at the meeting of 12 December 2023 by Laura Pontecorvo and Chiara Pontecorvo to continue their collaboration with MEIS for the activation of a new two-year research grant to honor the memory of their parents Clotilde and Maurizio Pontecorvo;

CONSIDERING MEIS Board of Directors decision no. 102 of 15 January 2024 to draw up a new call for applications for the award of a two-year “Clotilde and Maurizio Pontecorvo” research grant;

CONSIDERING the agreement Prot no. 109/I/2024 dated 29/02/2024 between MEIS, Laura Pontecorvo and Chiara Pontecorvo and the willingness of the Pontecorvo family to provide financial coverage for the scholarship in accordance with the allocation provided;

The Fondazione Museo Nazionale dell'Ebraismo Italiano e della Shoah [Foundation of the National Museum of Italian Judaism and the Shoah] (hereinafter referred to as “MEIS”), based in Via Piangipane, 79-83, Ferrara, together with Laura Pontecorvo residing in Viale Pinturicchio 13 00196 Rome CF PNTLRA61E69H501R and Chiara Pontecorvo residing in Viale Pinturicchio 13 00196 Rome CF PNTCHR63T65H501H and in accordance with the provisions of art. 2 of the Fondazione MEIS Articles of Association,

ANNOUNCES

a call for applications for a two-year research grant in the memory of Clotilde and Maurizio Pontecorvo on the topic of “Women in the history, culture and education of Italian Jews”.

Art. 1. - Object of the research grant

Research project on “Women in the history, culture and education of Italian Jews”.

Art. 2. - Motivation

The “Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo” research grant is intended to expand on the topic of “Women in the history, culture and education of Italian Jews” and, through this study, contribute more in-depth knowledge of Italian Judaism, particularly as regards the development, presentation and dissemination of this theme by MEIS.

Art. 3. – Description

The “Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo” research grant shall be awarded to research projects on the topic of “Women in the history, culture and education of Italian Jews” which can serve as the basis for further works suitable for museum activities and presentation: publication of a book; production of a film, video, installation, a play or museum performance; or an educational project for the museum workshop.

On pain of exclusion from the call, the research project submitted must be original, innovative and not the subject of other works already made public.

Art. 4. Requirements

Citizens of both EU Member States and non-EU states who have not yet reached the age of 41 years on the date of expiry of this notice, may participate in the selection process. The candidates must hold:

- a) an Associate or Bachelor's Degree, or equivalent qualification, obtained from an Italian or foreign university.
- b) specific knowledge of Jewish history and culture
- c) ability to develop the project in Italian and/or in English and/or in Hebrew

The academic qualifications referred to in subparagraph a) shall be met and certified at the date of the deadline for the submission of applications.

Art. 5. Duration

The the grant covers a two-year research period.

Art. 6. Terms and conditions for submitting applications and the research project

This notice and the attached documents shall, from the date of publication, be freely available in unrestricted, direct form at the website <https://meis.museum> and <https://www.centrostudicmpontecorvo.it/> and can be requested at the Fondazione MEIS's own address.

Applications and research projects submitted in accordance with the procedures specified in points a), b) and c) below must be received at the Fondazione MEIS offices no later than 1:00 p.m. on 24/05/2020:

Point a) by courier or postal service by registered mail with return receipt of the application and related documents, drawn up on plain paper exclusively using the form attached to this notice, addressed to MEIS – Museo Nazionale dell’Ebraismo Italiano e della Shoah – Via Piangipane, 81 - 44121 Ferrara. The sealed external envelope of applications delivered by courier or by mail must be bear the words “Avviso di selezione per il conferimento della borsa di studio Clotilde e Maurizio

Pontecorvo”. Please note that, for applications sent by courier or postal service, the date of the postmark issued by the accepting post office shall not be considered but rather the date of receipt by Fondazione MEIS.

The package to be mailed should consist of a larger envelope containing two smaller sealed envelopes. The first envelope should contain a sheet containing only the participant's identification data (name, surname and e-mail or certified e-mail address), which will be opened upon receipt of the application to assign a protocol number and communicate it to the candidate. The number should be kept throughout the selection process as it will be the candidate's identification code. The second envelope should contain the application and all documents required by the call for applications, as set out below, which will be opened when the fulfillment of the participation requirements is verified.

All documents must be written on plain paper and signed by hand. Only the appropriate form attached to this notice should be used.

The Fondazione MEIS is not responsible for any delays and/or postal mishaps that may occur in the mailing of applications by registered mail/courier, and accepts no liability for the loss of applications due to inaccurate information on the part of the applicant. Applications which, for any reason whatsoever, not excluding force majeure, unforeseeable circumstances or the act of a third party, are not received by the deadline specified in the notice will not be considered.

Point b) by certified electronic transmission, to the following certified e-mail address: fondazione.meis@pec.meisweb.it Along with the other required documentation, the application must also include a scanned handwritten signature and a photocopy of the candidate's currently valid identity card and the documents indicated below.

“Avviso di selezione per il conferimento della borsa di studio Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo” should be indicated in the subject line of the certified e-mail. The applications submitted and attached files should be received in PDF format. The body of the text of the certified e-mail should include the candidate's name and surname. All applications received by certified e-mail will be assigned a protocol number, which will be communicated to the candidate by certified e-mail and which must be kept throughout the selection process as it will be the candidate's identification code.

The above methods of participation are mandatory. Candidates whose applications are received in any manner other than as indicated above and/or after the deadlines indicated in the announcement will be disqualified.

Applications must be accompanied by the following attachments:

- a *curriculum vitae*, dated and signed with authorization to process data in accordance with European Regulation 679/2016 and containing indication of where any communications are to be sent. The *curriculum* must provide: precise indication of the candidate's educational qualifications, with date and institution from which they were attained; any professional training courses, specializations, doctorates or other educational qualifications obtained in the area of Jewish Studies. For any previous research experience, indication must be given of the topics dealt with in the research, the periods and places where the research activities were performed and any relevant publications.
- the research project (max 1,000 words) on the topic covered by the grant. On pain of exclusion, this research project must be original, innovative and not the subject of other works already made public. The written text may also include diagrams, images, videos;
- a photocopy of a valid identity document;

- any other document, title or publication relevant to the assessment of the application;
- any documents on plain paper for the recognition of statutory preferences in the event of tied ranking scores pursuant to Article 5 of Italian Presidential Decree 487/1994, as amended by Italian Presidential Decree 82/2023. Failure to declare preferential qualifications in the application will disqualify the candidate. Any dependent children must be indicated in the self certification statement made in the same application.
- For holders of educational qualifications obtained abroad: proof of equivalence or correspondence or request for recognition of the qualification..
- For citizens of non-EU countries: photostatic copy (not authenticated) of a valid permit for permanent residence in Italy.

The actual fulfillment of the requirements declared by candidates, as well as the truthfulness of all declarations made in the application, will be verified at the time of recruitment. Any candidate, who does not meet the requirements prescribed by this notice, will be removed from the list.

The following applications will not be evaluated: applications that are unsigned; submitted beyond the prescribed deadline for any reason whatsoever; lacking a *curriculum vitae*; lacking the research project; lacking a photocopy of a valid identification document (and in the case of citizens of non-EU countries also a copy of a valid permit for permanent residence in Italy) and any address.

Fondazione MEIS has the right to seek clarifications and/or request integrations to the documentation submitted by the candidates, and possibly invite the candidates for an interview.

Art. 7 – Compensation

The gross amount of the research grant is € 6,000 and shall be paid in three installments, one at the the time the research project is selected; the second upon delivery of the research paper within one year of selection; and, finally, the third at the end of the research enhancement procedure within a year following delivery of the paper. The winner shall commit to identify and implement, in consultation with MEIS and the Pontecorvo family, moments for valorization of the funded research, otherwise the third installment will not be paid..

Art. 8 - Selection procedures and means of evaluation

Application selection shall be performed by an evaluation committee, appointed jointly by MEIS and the Pontecorvo Family, on the basis of: A) relevance to the topic proposed for the project; B) its originality and innovation; C) the applicant's qualifications.

The Evaluation Committee named shall be composed of 8 members selected from among well-known experts in Jewish studies, of which one represented by MEIS and two represented by the Pontecorvo Family.

The Evaluation Committee shall base its evaluation on a total score of 100 points, broken down as follows: up to a maximum of 70 points for the research project submitted and up to a maximum of 30 points for evaluation of prior research qualifications and experience.

The Commission shall be called upon to define, on the basis of the scores awarded, a final ranking of merit and identify the winner.

The ranking shall be used according to the order in which it is formulated and, if the candidate forfeits or does not accept the terms communicated by MEIS and the Pontecorvo Family, or withdraws early, or if incompatibility with the winner's own job is found, the grant shall be assigned to the next candidate in order of the final ranking.

The Commission shall send a report of the selection operations to the Foundation's Board of Directors, which, after having verified the legitimacy of the proceedings, shall then approve them and award the research grant.

The designated winner shall be notified by registered, return-receipt letter or certified e-mail containing the effective starting date of the grant.

Within fifteen days of receipt of the above written notice, the winner must, under penalty of forfeiture, communicate acceptance of the grant with an indication that no incompatibility exists, also in the light of the candidates' current professional and/or research commitments. In case of forfeiture, the grant shall be awarded to the next suitable candidate in order of the final ranking.

The results of all stages of the selection process are advertised on the appropriate page of the MEIS and the Study Center websites.

Art. 9 – Processing of personal data

In accordance with European Regulation 679/2016 and Italian Legislative Decree no. 196/03 (Personal Data Protection Code), the personal data provided by the candidates shall be collected and processed by the Fondazione MEIS, even by computer, in accordance with the provisions contained in said decree, as a function and for the purposes of the selection and hiring process, or for other employment-related purposes.

Failing to provide the mandatory data required to assess the prerequisites for participation will result in exclusion from the selection.

The candidate receives the information on the processing of personal data, prepared by the Fondazione MEIS in its capacity as data controller, attached to this call for applications.

Art. 10 – Body having jurisdiction for appeal procedures

In case of disputes, the court of competent jurisdiction is Ferrara, since arbitration is not envisaged.

Art. 12 – Final Provisions

Submission of the application implies acceptance of all the conditions outlined in this notice of selection.

MEIS, together with the Pontecorvo Family, reserves the right, should it deem it advisable, to modify or withdraw this notice.

The person in charge of the procedure is the Director *pro tempore* of Fondazione MEIS.

This notice shall be published on the Foundation's website from 19/03/2024 to 24/05/2024, 1:00 pm, deadline for the submission of applications; it shall also be published on the Centro di Studi "Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo" website.

Ferrara, 19/03/2024

MEIS Director
Amedeo Spagnoletto

