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National Museum of Italian Judaism and the Shoah Ferrara
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE "CLOTILDE E MAURIZIO PONTECORVO" RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The Foundation of the National Museum of Italian Judaism and the Shoah (hereinafter referred to as the "MEIS Foundation"), based in Ferrara, Via Piangipane, 79-83, Fiscal Code 93072970382,

HEREBY ANNOUNCES

Two-year Research Fellowship in memory of Clotilde and Maurizio Pontecorvo on the theme "History, culture and education of the Jews of Italy."

Art. 1. – Rationale
The "Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo" Research Fellowship aims to deepen knowledge of Italian Judaism, contributing in particular to the development, exhibition, and dissemination of the research topic through MEIS.

Art. 2. – Objective of the fellowship
Original research and the production of a final paper on the theme "History, culture and education of the Jews of Italy" in one of the languages of the European Union or in Hebrew.

Art. 3. – Description
The "Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo" Research Fellowship is awarded to research projects in the historical, literary, or artistic fields suitable for enhancement through museum projects and activities, such as: communication, exhibitions, publications, video production, documentaries, installation, a theatrical work, or a didactic and educational initiative.
The research must be original and must not cover a topic already published, under penalty of exclusion.

Art. 4. – Requirements
The selection is open to individuals who have not reached the age of 35 by the application deadline and who hold:
a) A Master's Degree (Laurea Magistrale or Specialistica), or an equivalent qualification obtained from an Italian or foreign university institution;
b) Knowledge of Jewish history and culture.
The educational qualifications referred to in letter a) must be possessed and certified as of the deadline date established for the submission of applications.

Art. 5. – Duration
The period covered by the Research Fellowship is two years.

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

This notice and the attached documents are made available electronically, starting from the date of publication of this call, with free, direct, and complete access on the internet sites https://meis.museum and https://www.centrostudicmpontecorvo.it/ , and can be requested via email at the address below of the MEIS Foundation.

Applications and research projects must be submitted no later than 1:00 PM (Italian time) on 8 February 2027 exclusively by email to: bando_pontecorvo_2026@meisweb.it .

The application must be sent with a handwritten signature, scanned, and must contain all the attachments listed below.

The subject line of the email must indicate: **Avviso di selezione per il conferimento della borsa di ricerca Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo** (Selection notice for the award of the Clotilde and Maurizio Pontecorvo Research Fellowship). The application and the attached files must arrive exclusively in PDF format (maximum total limit of the attachments: 20 MB). In the body of the email text, the applicants must state their first and last name. An entry protocol number will be assigned to all applications received via email, which will be communicated to the competitor via email and must be kept for the entire duration of the selection as the candidate's personal identification code.

The above-mentioned method of participation is mandatory. Candidates whose applications are received through methods other than those specified above and/or beyond the terms indicated in the call will be excluded.

Each application must include the following supporting documents:

• a *curriculum vitae*, dated and signed, with authorization to process data in accordance with European Regulation 679/2016 and containing references to any addresses for receiving communications. The curriculum must also specify: the exact indication of the degree title held, including the date and place of graduation; any post-graduate training courses, specializations, doctorates, or other held titles; any educational activities carried out in the field of Jewish studies. For previous research experiences, the topics covered, the periods, and the locations where they were carried out must be indicated, along with any publications.

• a research project of no more than 4 pages in A4 format (each single-sided, Times New Roman font, 12-point font, line spacing 1.5), for a total maximum count of 1000 words, title page and index excluded. Diagrams, charts, and images may be attached. The project may be written in one of the languages of the European Union or in Hebrew.

• a copy of a valid identification document;

• a document certifying possession of the academic title required for participation in the call;

• any other document, title, or publication useful for the evaluation of the candidacy and to demonstrate the expertise required by the call.

The MEIS Foundation shall have the right to request clarifications and/or additional documentation from applicants and, where appropriate, to invite them to an interview.

Art. 7. – Financial terms

The total amount of the Research Fellowship is equal to € 6,000.00 (six thousand/00) gross and will be disbursed in two installments of € 3,000.00 (three thousand/00) each. The first installment will be paid upon delivery of the project work within one year from the selection, following a positive evaluation by the tutor who will be assigned; the second installment at the end of the development process of the research conceived by the selected candidate in agreement with the Museum, to be completed within the year following the delivery of the project work. A fund of € 1,000.00 (one thousand/00) is available for documented travel expenses incurred for the research. The budget for

the museum development of research will be available up to a maximum of € 4,000.00 (four thousand/00), which will be managed by MEIS in consultation with the researcher.

Art. 8. – Selection procedure and evaluation methods

The selection of candidates is carried out by an Evaluation Committee, which will be appointed after the deadline of the call. The Committee, having defined the evaluation criteria and relative scores, will evaluate: A) relevance of the project to the proposed theme; B) originality and innovation; C) qualifications of the candidate.

The Committee will determine, based on the assigned scores, a final merit ranking.

The Committee will transmit the minutes of the selection operations to the Board of Administration of the MEIS Foundation which, having verified the legality of the acts, will proceed with the approval of the same and the definitive assignment of the fellowship.

The winner is required, within fifteen days from receipt of the communication written above, to communicate acceptance of the fellowship under penalty of forfeiture; in case of refusal, the fellowship will be assigned to another eligible candidate following the order of the final merit ranking.

The publication of the selection results is ensured in the appropriate administration section of the MEIS Foundation website and of the "Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo" Study Center website.

Art. 9. – Personal data processing

Pursuant to EU Regulation 679/2016 and Legislative Decree no. 196/03 as amended (code regarding the protection of personal data), the personal data provided by candidates in the applications for participation in the selection will be collected by the MEIS Foundation and processed, also with information technology tools, in compliance with European regulations, for purposes related to the selection procedure and eventual hiring.

Failure to provide mandatory data for the purposes of evaluating the requirements for participation will determine exclusion from the selection.

The candidate receives the information notice on the processing of personal data, prepared by the MEIS Foundation as Data Controller, attached to this call.

Art. 10. – Competent authority for the appeal procedure

The competent court in case of disputes is that of Ferrara; arbitration is not permitted.

Art. 11. – Final provisions

The submission of applications implies the tacit acceptance of all the conditions provided for by this notice.

The MEIS Foundation reserves the right, should it deem it appropriate, to modify or revoke this notice.

The Person in Charge of the Procedure is the pro tempore Director of the MEIS Foundation.

This notice is published on the website of the MEIS and on the website of the "Clotilde e Maurizio Pontecorvo" Study Center from 10 November 2026 to 08 February 2027 at 1:00 PM, the deadline term for the submission of applications.

Ferrara, 10 November 2026

The Director