

Gianni Franzone Fellowship 2026, Centro Studi Wolfsoniana, Genova

May 17–Dec 31, 2026

Application deadline: Apr 16, 2026

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The Centro Studi Wolfsoniana announces the Forth edition of the international call for the Fellowship in memory of Gianni Franzone (1964-2022), twentieth-century art historian and curator of the Wolfsoniana in Genoa, promoted and supported by the family Franzone.

The fellowship is destined to under 35 researchers in the history, culture and visual arts of the period pertaining to the Wolfsoniana collection (1870-1950), with special attention to aspects related to decorative and propaganda arts and to architecture.

Terms and conditions

The applicants are invited to present research projects pertaining to the main themes documented by the collection, library and archives of the Wolfsoniana, aimed both to elaborate an in-depth study of these materials, and to trace the new perspectives of those historical problems whose legacy still sets a strict critical confrontation, as in the case of colonial history or totalitarianisms of the twentieth century.

The main topics on which the candidates' proposals will be evaluated are the following:

- Tradition and modernity in art and architecture between the nineteenth and twentieth centuries;
- Transformations of production processes: from decorative arts to design;
- Languages of propaganda;
- Colonies and colonialism;
- Mobility and tourism in the industrial age;
- Exhibitions, fairs and international exhibitions.

At the time of application, scholars must be under 35 years old a be graduated or follow or have finished the post-graduate course, dottorato di ricerca, specializzazione or an equivalent degree (the certificate should be provided). They must be conversant in both English and Italian and able to understand both languages. They should be in the early stages of their career, have a solid background in the late nineteenth and the twentieth century Italian art and architecture, confirmed by publications, participation at the conferences and /or exhibition curating.

The application must be accompanied by the research project (up to 4000 characters), the candidate's curriculum vitae and letter/s of presentation, and sent within April, 16 2026, to the following e-mail address: info@wolfsoniana.it, indicating as a subject Gianni Franzone Fellowship.

The grant provides the stipend of 2500 euros, a support for round trip expenses and offers the winning candidate priority access and a reserved workstation at the Wolfsonian Study Center at the Palazzo Ducale in Genoa for a period of three continuous weeks (from the end of May 2026), to consult the collection, the library and the archives. During the period of stay, it will be possible, at the request of the candidate, to visit the museum and the depository of the Wolfsonian.

The fellow is expected to consign the research results after four months from the end of the work at the Centro Studi Wolfsoniana. The results will be evaluated by the members of the scientific committee and the final essay, once approved, will be published in the review "Quaderni della Wolfsoniana".

Organizing Committee

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Scientific jury - 2026

The scientific jury, in addition to Matteo Fochessati and Anna Vyazemtseva - respectively curator and assistant curator of the Wolfsonian - Palazzo Ducale Foundation for Culture, Genoa - will be composed of three external members; the commission will be announced on April 30, 2026; the results of the competition will be published on the Wolfsonian – Palazzo Ducale website on May 15, 2026.

Reference:

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