2 Postdoc Positions, ERC StG “AnimalFarm”, Politecnico di Torino

Mar 1, 2027–Feb 28, 2029
Application deadline: Dec 1, 2026

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The Department of Architecture and Design at Politecnico di Torino has opened the selection procedures for the award of 2 postdoctoral research contracts, each lasting 2 years, within the framework of the ERC Starting Grant project “AnimalFarm: An Architectural History of Intensive Animal Farming, 1570–1992.”

“AnimalFarm” investigates the architectural history of intensive animal farming, from sixteenth-century Palladian villas to contemporary intensive livestock facilities. The project starts from the premise that Western architecture has evolved around the relationship between humans and domesticated animals, and that animal husbandry has provided a fundamental field for spatial, material, and technological experimentation.

The first position will contribute to the research from the perspectives of labour history and environmental history. It will explore the architectural history of animal farming as a history of spaces devoted to human and mechanised labour; examine historical transformations in forms of labour (often shaped by racial and gender discrimination), both within increasingly industrialised farms and across agricultural landscapes; and help the “AnimalFarm” team assess how spaces designed for animal farming are shaped by, and in turn shape, human and animal labour.

This is the link to submit an application and access all relevant information: https://careers.polito.it/default.aspx?id=47/26/CR.

The second position will contribute to the research from the perspectives of the history of veterinary medicine and the history of science and technology. It will deepen our understanding of the interconnections between the architecture of intensive animal farming and the history of veterinary medicine and zoonotic diseases; help the “AnimalFarm” team assess which animal diseases have had the greatest impact on the history of intensive animal farming; and contribute to a critical analysis of the spatial and technological devices specifically designed to control animal bodies, reduce the risk of disease transmission, and increase productivity.

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Both applications must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. CET on 1 December 2026, through the links provided above or via the Italian Ministry of University and Research (MUR) website: https://bandi.mur.gov.it/contrattidiricerca.php/public/cercaFellowship.

For further information, please contact animalfarm@polito.it.

Reference:

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