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**CALL FOR RESEARCH FUNDING**  
**YOUNG INVESTIGATOR TRAINING PROGRAM 2021**  
**Planning for Social Justice**

The Department of Architecture of Urban Studies of the Politecnico di Milano (DASTU),  
with the contribution of  
ASSOCIAZIONE DI FONDAZIONI E CASSE DI RISPARMIO ITALIANE SpA (ACRI)

In the context of the *Planning for Social Justice* Conference  
that will be held the first week of October 2021

**announces the call for n. 7 Visiting Young Investigator**

(Deadline for application: **27 JUNE 2021**)

Thanks to a financial contribution from the Associazione di Fondazioni e Casse di Risparmio Spa (ACRI), full funding is available, for up to n. 7 researcher positions to take part in the Young Investigator Training Program 2021, which includes:

- The participation in the International conference *Planning for Social Justice*, which will take place the first week of October in Milan or eventually on line;
- The active participation in other seminars related to the main conference, which will take place during the visiting period and anyway by the end of the year 2021;
- A visiting period of minimum one month as researcher in one of the leading Italian universities participating in the program, which are located in the cities of Milan, Turin, Florence, Palermo, Venice, Rome, Naples. The candidates will have the opportunity to work in internationally recognized research centers of Architecture and Planning within the following universities: Politecnico di Milano, Dipartimento di Architettura e Studi Urbani (DASTU); Università degli Studi di Firenze, Dipartimento di Architettura (DIDA); Politecnico di Torino, Dipartimento Interateneo di Scienze, Progetto e Politiche del Territorio (DiST); Università degli studi di Palermo, Dipartimento di architettura (D'ARCH); Università IUAV di Venezia, Dipartimento di culture del Progetto; Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Dipartimento di Architettura; Sapienza Università di Roma, Dipartimento di Pianificazione, design, tecnologia dell'architettura. (see **Annex 1**).
- N. 7 full reimbursement of minimum € 2.400,00 for each successful candidates.
- The opportunity to publish a paper in a book and/or in the journals of the universities departments after the Conference and the visiting period. The papers will undergo through a peer review process.
- The opportunity to watch remotely the kick-off meeting of the Planning for Social Justice Conference which has taken place the 14 of MAY 2021, during which the research centers will be introduced.

The objective of the *Young Investigator Training Program (YITP) 2021 – Planning for Social Justice Conference* promoted by the DASTU with the contribution of ACRI are:

- to promote scientific research on the topic of planning and social justice;
- to foster an internationally recognized Italian network among research institutions involved in research on Planning and Social Justice;
- to encourage the mobility of international young scientists to Italy;
- to enable young researchers to establish and consolidate relationships with Italian research centers, with the aim of developing common research projects and publications.



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## Who can apply?

- Researchers with up to 10 years of experience since completion of PhD or PhD students in any field of research, who hold a position in a foreign (worldwide) research center.
- There are no requirements regarding the nature of the applicants' position: the call is open to full-time and part-time permanent or temporary researchers from both private and public research centers and universities.
- Applicants should demonstrate their interest and involvement in developing research about the topic of Planning and social justice. The candidates' selection will be carried out on the c.v., the research statement of the candidate, and the motivation letters.
- Applicants must be able to speak and write English.
- Applicants can be of any nationality and of any age.

## What the Young Investigators are expected to do?

- Y.I. will attend the Planning for Social Justice Conference and will present a related paper as single or co-author with the research center where they are hosted by the end of their visiting period. Selected articles will be published in a book and/or in the journals of the universities departments after the Conference.
- Y.I. are invited to watch the recording of the Planning for Social Justice Conference kick-off meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2021, available at the link: <https://www.dastu.polimi.it/planning-for-social-justice-yitp/>.
- Y.I. are expected to hold a seminar (alone or in small groups with other Y.I.) about their research activity related to Planning and Social Justice over the main Conference date and/or during their visiting period, anyway by the end of the year 2021.
- To obtain the reimbursement, the beneficiary must submit a scientific report of the activities carried out by 15 days from the end of the visiting period.

## What does the training program offer?

- Successful candidates will be hosted for a visiting research period of at least one month by one of the Italian Research Centers listed in the **Annex 1** in the cities of Milan, Turin, Florence, Palermo, Venice, Rome, Naples (one researcher for each university). The Annex 1 defines the research interest of each research unit as well.
- The participation in the Planning for Social Justice Conference, which will take place the first week of October in Milan. Considering that the pandemic Covid-19 is still going-on, depending on related restrictions, the conference could be on-line.
- The program will pay to up N. 7 researchers an amount of min € 2.400,00 for each foreign researcher, as full reimbursement. No additional funds are offered for travels, room, and board. Just in case the number of suitable candidates would be lower than 7, the reimbursement would be equally increased among the selected candidates up to the maximum total amount of € 17.000,00 (for the sum of all the candidates) and anyway up to the maximum of € 3.000,00 for European researchers and € 4.000,00 for non-European researchers.
- The opportunity to publish a paper in a book and/or in the journals of the universities departments after the Conference and the visiting period.

## How to apply?

Eligible candidates are required to apply by submitting the following documents:

- The YITP Application Form completed in all parts, dated and signed (**Annex 2**), including the list of the research centers where the candidate would like to spend the visiting period, in order of preference.

And the further documents (**Annex 3** – templates):

- A one-page abstract (500 words maximum) summarizing the seminar that the Y.I. will hold in the research center where he/she will be hosted (or eventually remotely, if needed).
- A one-page plan describing the work that the candidate is expected to develop during his/her stay. The connection of the plan with the topic proposed by the n. 7 research center is encouraged but is not mandatory.
- Curriculum vitae et studiorum, plus a list of publications, highlighting his/her interest and involvement in developing research about the topic of Planning and social justice. A motivation letter would be appreciated as well.
- A scanned copy of the applicant's passport (or ID document for EU researchers), showing the personal details, i.e. photo and date of birth.

If possible, please combine all the documents in a single PDF file.

**Submissions must be sent to:** [info-yitpcall@polimi.it](mailto:info-yitpcall@polimi.it) by the deadline 12:00 pm GMT of the day **27 June 2021**, Subject: Application for the YITP2021\_candidate surname

## Selection criteria

Candidates will be evaluated against selection and award criteria of excellence, impact, and quality and efficiency of implementation, on the basis of their academic career, of the work-plan and the abstract of the seminar. The final decision is at the incontestable discretion of the selection board.

The board will provide a merit ranking of all the eligible candidates. The reimbursement will be available to applicants classified as eligible according to the ranking order. In presence of any waivers, it will be selected the next candidate in the ranking.

## Selection Board

Prof. Stefano Moroni e prof. Valeria Fedeli	Politecnico di Milano, Dipartimento di Architettura e Studi Urbani (DAStU)
Prof. Camilla Perrone	Università degli Studi di <b>Firenze</b> , Dipartimento di Architettura (DIDA)
Prof. Carlo Salone	Politecnico di <b>Torino</b> e Università degli Studi di Torino, Dipartimento Interateneo di Scienze, Progetto e Politiche del Territorio (DiST)
Prof. Marco Picone	Università degli studi di <b>Palermo</b> , Dipartimento di architettura (D'ARCH)

Prof. Laura Fregolent	Università IUAV di <b>Venezia</b> , Dipartimento di culture del Progetto
Prof. Laura Lieto	Università degli Studi di <b>Napoli</b> Federico II, Dipartimento di Architettura
Prof. Daniela de Leo	Sapienza Università di <b>Roma</b> , Dipartimento di Pianificazione, design, tecnologia dell'architettura

### **Announcement of awards**

The selection board will formulate and publicly announce the general ranking of merit by **26<sup>th</sup> of July 2021**. All participants will be informed of the outcome of the evaluation process and the final ranking will be published on the DASTU website (<https://www.dastu.polimi.it/planning-for-social-justice-yitp/>). Applicants shall be notified of the acceptance of their candidatures via the email address provided in the application.

### **Acceptance of visiting period invitation**

Within 10 days of notification, the successful applicants must send a letter of acceptance indicating the visiting period in agreement with the single research unit and they must proceed with the administrative procedures to be authorized and assigned by Polytechnic of Milan to travel to one of the 7 research centers indicated in the attachment.

A successful applicant should not accept the visiting period invitation and the relative reimbursement, it may be made available to applicants classified as eligible according to the ranking order.

The arrival of the young investigator for the visiting period must be declared to the ACRI Foundation.

### **Flat rate Reimbursement**

Polytechnic of Milan will assign to the selected candidates a flat rate reimbursement. Due to the procedure, 50% of the reimbursement will be paid out 10 days after the Conference, and the remaining 50% after the conclusion of the visiting period. The reimbursement will be assigned only if the candidate will deliver a scientific report of the activities carried out during the visiting period.

### **Rights and obligations**

Researchers shall have access to research facilities at the hosting institution. They are also required to comply with the regulations of the institution to which they are assigned.

**For more information** contact: [info-yitpcall@polimi.it](mailto:info-yitpcall@polimi.it)