

## MUSEO GALILEO: INSTITUTE AND MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

### Call for Applications for Postdoctoral “Paolo Brenni” Fellowship – 2023-2024 Edition

#### ART. 1

##### Goals and Objectives

Museo Galileo: Institute and Museum of the History of Science (hereafter referred to as “Museum”), as part of an international collaboration with other cultural institutions, including the Museo Nazionale della Scienza e della Tecnologia “Leonardo da Vinci” in Milan and the Staatliche Kunstsammlungen Dresden - Mathematisch-Physikalischer Salon in Dresden, intends to remember the internationally renowned expert in the field of the history of scientific and technical instruments Paolo Brenni (1954 – 2021), by offering the opportunity to postdoctoral candidates in scientific disciplines or in the humanities, who have already demonstrated profound interest in the studies of the history of science, scientific instruments and scientific collections, to benefit from a two-year training period at the Museum with the scope to provide a solid developmental base for a profession in museological and curatorial environments.

The beneficiary will have access to the museum and library collections and will interact with its curatorial staff, will participate (even actively) in the professional training both internally and externally (seminars, conferences, and sojourns) and will have the chance to further the study of the history of science and technology in relation to specific items or type of items, history of the collections with a particular focus on the material aspects related to the care, conservation, restoration and enhancement of the historical-scientific heritage, from a professional, educational and divulgative point of view.

Such training opportunity will be complemented by:

- a yearly economic grant of Euro 24,000.00 gross to cover expenses (such as transport costs, board and lodging, books and journals);
- one or more vouchers for free participation in seminars and conferences organized by the museum or by its official partners.

In order to convey the knowledge gradually acquired, the fellowship holder will be called upon to prepare at least one seminar or workshop for educators, one educational laboratory for schools and a high quality scientific research article to be assigned, exclusively and free of charge, to one of the “Class A” journals affiliated with Museo Galileo: *Nuncius* or *Galilaeana*.

The educational offer and the financial grant will be provided for by the Museum from its own resources.

#### ART. 2

##### Requirements for Participation

In order to participate in the selection process, each candidate should have the following requirements on the date of the application deadline (the Museum reserves the right to check the authenticity of the declarations made by each candidate):

1. Italian citizenship; or EU citizenship; or citizenship of a non-EU Member State with a long-term resident permit or refugee status or status as beneficiary of subsidiary protection, pursuant to Law no. 97 (6 August 2013);
2. Enjoyment of civil and political rights in Italy and/or in the countries of belonging or provenance;
3. Must be part of the active electorate;
4. Must be under 35 years of age;
5. Cannot have any of the following:
  - a. Final sentences of conviction or definitive measures of security or prevention or ongoing criminal and/or administrative proceedings, in the cases provided for by law as causes for dismissal;

- b. Final sentences of conviction or definitive measures of security or prevention or ongoing criminal and/or administrative proceedings that may constitute an impediment to the establishment and /or maintenance of the employment relationship;
6. Must be in possession of a Master's or Specialist degree in humanistic or scientific studies;
7. Must have obtained a PhD no more than 5 years before the date of the issue of the call;
8. Must have defended his/her thesis and/or held his/her doctoral thesis in the material history of science, historical scientific instrumentation, or scientific collections.
9. Must have a good working knowledge of both Italian and English.

The ability to direct the restoration of a scientific instrument, to know how to check the instrument's state of preservation and to verify and enforce the correct maintenance of an instrument will be considered as preferential titles.

The general requirements are attested by signing the appropriate application form in the form of a self-certification in accordance with articles 47 et seq. of D.P.R. No 445/2000.

### **ART. 3**

#### **How to apply**

Interested parties will have to submit their application to the Museum by and no later than **12:00 noon on March 14, 2023**, exclusively by electronic mail at the following address: [info@museogalileo.it](mailto:info@museogalileo.it) (the official date and time of delivery will be used for the deadline rules outlined above).

Applications received after the deadline or submitted in other forms than above will not be received and/or taken into consideration.

Applications must be drawn up using the facsimile attached to the present Announcement. A *curriculum vitae* of the candidate, in Italian or English, must be enclosed.

Both the application and the *curriculum vitae* must bear the candidate's handwritten legible signature. The signature cannot be digitally affixed or scanned.

If any of the above mentioned elements is missing (application form and/or *curriculum vitae* and/or handwritten signature on the application or on the cv), the application is considered inadmissible.

The declarations made and signed in the application and in the attachments shall constitute declarations in lieu of certification pursuant to Articles 43 and 46 of D.P.R. No 445/2000 and declarations in lieu of affidavit pursuant to Articles 47 and 38 of the aforementioned decree.

### **ART. 4**

#### **Evaluation Committee**

Applications will be evaluated by a special Evaluation Committee appointed by the Executive Director after the deadline date. The committee will be composed by three members (one of which shall act as Chairman).

Once established, the Evaluation Committee, in one or more sessions, will proceed preliminarily to the verification of the admissibility of the application, as to the timeliness of the submission within the indicated deadline; it will then proceed to the verification of the admissibility, as to the completeness of the application and of the attachments, and as to the presence of the handwritten signature on said documents, for each candidate. Subsequently, having examined the files and the documentation related to the studies undertaken and the learning outcomes achieved, the Evaluation Committee will attribute a score from 1 to 10 and will draw up a ranking list, taking into account the training, experience and skills possessed by each candidate. This process will allow the Evaluation Committee to formulate an impartial judgement of eligibility or ineligibility for each single candidate.

The fellowship will be granted to the first candidate on the ranking list.

**ART. 5**  
**Communication**

Once completed, the outcome of the selection made by the Committee indicating the top five in the ranking - if existing - will be published on the Museo Galileo website.

The Museum will notify the assignee the procedures for the acceptance of the scholarship by email to the address indicated in the application form.

In the event of the assignee being unable to use the fellowship during the period indicated, the fellowship will be awarded to the second person on the ranking list and so on, without the Museum being liable for possible waivers.

**ART. 6**  
**Information on the Treatment and Handling of Personal Data**

Personal data and information communicated to the Museum as part of the participation process will be processed in compliance with EU Reg. no. 679/2016 and with the Personal Data Protection Code (Legislative Decree no. 196/2003), according to the principles of correctness, lawfulness and transparency for the sole purposes connected to the completion of the procedure and the subsequent possible award of the fellowship study grant.

The provision of data is therefore compulsory and any missing information will disqualify the person from being able to receive the fellowship.

The data controller is the Museum in the person of the Chairman of the Board of Directors. The person who has provided the data requested for the purposes of admission to the procedure may exercise the rights provided for by EU Reg. no. 679/2016 by forwarding a specific request to the following email address: [info@museogalileo.it](mailto:info@museogalileo.it).

**ART. 7**  
**Final Provisions**

The present notice is published on the Museum's institutional website. The procedure set out in this notice is in no way binding on the Museum, which reserves the right to extend, suspend, revoke or amend the notice or to no longer proceed with the assignment for justified reasons. Submission of the application form implies full acceptance of the provisions of this notice, without reservation of any kind, and shall not give rise to any subjective right to participate or to be assigned.

The Museum accepts no responsibility for the loss of communications due to inaccurate information on the address or delivery address indicated in the application, nor for any postal delays or events in any case attributable to third parties, fortuitous events or force majeure.

The Museum reserves the right to check the truthfulness of the statements made by the candidates pursuant to art. 71 of D.P.R. No. 445/2000; in the event that the checks reveal that the statements made are not true, the author, regardless of criminal law profiles, shall at any time lose the benefit acquired on the basis of the untruthful declaration and the Museum reserves the right to revoke, without notice, the assignment of the fellowship.

Firenze, 14 December 2022