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# Two Post-Doctoral positions at the Institute of Urban and Landscape Studies (ISUP), 80% Academy of Architecture, Università della Svizzera Italiana (USI)

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**The Università della Svizzera italiana (USI)** is a young and lively university, a hub of opportunities open to the world where students are offered a quality interdisciplinary education in which they can be fully engaged and take centre stage, and where our researchers can count on having the space to pursue their initiatives freely. Established in 1996, USI is in constant transformation, always taking on new challenges while remaining true to its three guiding principles: quality, openness, and responsibility.

**The Institute of Urban and Landscape Studies (ISUP)** was established in 2018 with the objective of bringing a clearer structure to research on urban and landscape themes at the Academy of Architecture. Mendrisio, which is a faculty of the University of Italian Switzerland (USI).

The institute shares with the Academy of Architecture a humanistic and wide-ranging approach to research on urban and landscapes issues.

The scope of the ISUP's work does not focus on a specific geographical area; where relevant, it addresses the regional, national and global challenges society faces. Particular attention is devoted to environmental and sustainability issues.

The ISUP supports and encourages research and scholarships, prioritising projects that promote the wider interests of the school as a whole.

## **The Post-Doctoral Researcher Position**

The successful post doc candidates will be affiliated to ISUP and will be expected to assist with the preparation of competitively funded research bids. In addition to this they would be expected to contribute to the teaching activities of the school and/ or the coordination of the ISUP Papers. The successful candidates are expected to work in the Dependence Building (the home of ISUP) for the duration of their employment.

## **Candidates' Profile**

The ideal candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Have a background in architecture, urbanism, the history and theory of architecture and urbanism, or architect / landscape architect with research experience;
- Hold a PhD in architecture or related fields;
- Outstanding research and writing skills;
- Professional command of one of the national languages of Switzerland (written and spoken) and English (written and spoken) is mandatory;
- A demonstrative knowledge of publishing and editing is seen as being advantageous.

### **General terms**

- The Post Doc positions are scheduled to start on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026;
- Duration: 2 years, 80%
- Place of work: Mendrisio

### **The Application**

Applications may be submitted upon acceptance of the Applicant Personal Data Processing Notice found at the following [LINK](#). In the online form, you will be asked to declare that you have read and understood our privacy policy.

Applications must be in English and should contain:

- A detailed CV;
- A letter of motivation;
- Proposal (2 pages);
- Academic writing sample in English);
- Contact details for two academic references (contacts only, please; no letters will be accepted).

Applications must be submitted ONLINE by completing the form, which can be accessed by clicking on the following [LINK](#). You will also need to upload the documents listed above.

Applications via email or postal services will not be considered.

USI strives to be an equal opportunity and family friendly employer and is further responsive to the needs of dual career couples. We guarantee that the selection process will give equal opportunities to female and male researchers. As an institution that values diversity, USI particularly encourages applications from women and from all individuals from underrepresented groups.

### **Applications must be received before June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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