

Expression of Interest-UPM Supervisor

Marie Skłodowska Curie Action–Postdoctoral Fellowship 2026 (MSCA-PF-2026)

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Department /Institute / Centre	Department of Architectural Composition / Escuela Técnica Superior de Arquitectura de Madrid (ETSAM)
Research Area	Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)
Research team/group	<p>Full Professor Ana Esteban-Maluenda currently serves as Director of the DCA and is a member of the Research Group on Theory, History, and Criticism of Architecture (iTHACA), which brings together a diverse team of 16 researchers (7 women, 9 men) representing all stages of the academic career.</p> <p>iTHACA has developed international research projects such as <i>Mapping Global Architectural Histories on Modernism</i>, in collaboration with MIT, and has contributed to initiatives such as the <i>Global Architectural History Teaching Collaborative</i> (GAHTC). At the national level, they have developed projects include <i>Re-Translates</i> (2022-2026) and <i>ArchiteXt Mining</i> (2016-2019), both focused on the critical analysis of modern/contemporary Spanish architectural culture.</p>
Keywords	Architecture History, Theory and Criticism; Architectural Analysis; Archival research, Text Analysis (Text mining/IA)
Research Focus	<p>Theory, History, and Criticism of Architecture</p> <p><u>Open research lines:</u></p> <p>Architectural Theory, Architectural Analysis, History of Architecture and Urbanism, Architectural Criticism and Communication, Cultural Landscapes, Latin American Architecture and Urbanism, Early Modern Architecture and Urbanism in the Iberian World, Digital Analysis of architectural texts (Text Mining / IA)</p> <p>ITHACA seeks candidates with a background in architecture, preferably with a range of professional experiences apart from a strong track record in academia and research. As the first Spanish research group in an architectural history department to host a <i>Ramón y Cajal</i> senior researcher, ITHACA is especially well suited to bolstering the careers of pre-doctoral and post-doctoral fellows with high international mobility.</p> <p>ITHACA’s research focuses on architectural history and theory in a wide sense, with a particular interest in the Iberian Worlds and, especially, in Spain and Latin-America. The group is currently deploying a larger research strategy focused on <i>architecture archives // architectural archiving</i>, supporting the critical interrogation of archival sources through ground-breaking methodologies (including text mining and AI), as well as the analytical deconstruction of the professional processes and institutions involved in managing, ordering, preserving, interpreting, and providing access to such materials. During their stay, candidates will receive further training in research methodologies and management, including research-grant writing workshops with an emphasis on actions within the EU Horizon and the European Research Council programs.</p>
Applications: documents and deadlines	<p>CV (3 pages max.) + Letter of motivation. Deadline: April 15, 2026</p> <p>In case of MSCA Global Postdoctoral Fellowships: Letter of support from the non-EU host.</p> <p>In case of secondment: Letter of support from the secondment institution.</p>