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Job Title Postdoctoral Associate in Animal Behavior

**Department** Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering - Biomedical

Engineering

**Institution** New York University

Brooklyn, New York

Date Posted Apr. 23, 2024

Application Deadline Open until filled

Position Start Date Available immediately

Job Categories Post-Doc

**Academic Field(s)** Biology - Neuroscience/Neurobiology

Biology - General Sciences - General

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**Job Description** 

Multiple post-doc positions are available in the <u>Dynamical Systems Laboratory</u> (DSL) at the Tandon School of Engineering, New York University in a wide variety of research projects that are signature scopes of our multidisciplinary research group. The positions are fully funded with a competitive salary.

We seek independent, motivated, and creative individuals to conduct fundamental research in the broad areas of animal biology and social behavior. Candidates will be making important contributions to one or multiple research projects supported by our several ongoing grants (see DSL: Active Projects).

In particular, our research addresses hydrodynamic and social interactions underlying zebrafish schooling, multisensorial integration in fish behavior, and investigation of energy consumption and metabolism in fish. We are seeking individuals with a strong background in at least one of



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the following fields: biology, behavioral neuroscience and social behavior, physiology, zoology, experimental methods, and/or other related fields.

Beyond conducting fundamental research in the broad area of animal behavior and behavioral neuroscience, candidates will be responsible for mentoring undergraduate, master and doctoral students, leading outreach activities, and supporting proposal writing and grantsmanship.

### **Candidate profile**

Ideal candidates are expected to have:

- i) the drive to pursue an excellent career in research upon completion of their post-doc training;
- ii) a Ph.D. in biology, behavioral neuroscience, physiology, zoology, or related fields;
- iii) a demonstrated ability to conduct original research (theoretical, experimental, or computational), as evidenced by a number of high-quality journal and conference publications;
- iv) direct experience with working with and maintaining laboratory animals;
- v) outstanding English language oral and written communication skills;
- vi) a strong work ethic with the ability to work independently as well as in a research group;
- vii) evidence of good project/laboratory management skills;
- viii) the ability to strategize the goals of projects as well as design, conduct, and interpret experiments, under the mentorship of the Principal Investigator; and
- ix) a strong interest in becoming a leader, conducting interdisciplinary research with collaborators in other fields, and mentoring students

The DSL was established sixteen years ago by Prof. Maurizio Porfiri (Institute Professor at Tandon School of Engineering and Director of the Center for Urban Science and Progress, with appointments at the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, the Department of Biomedical Engineering, the Department of Civil and Urban Engineering, and the Center for Urban Science and Progress). The DSL is home to a highly collaborative, vibrant group of young scholars, with complementary expertise across theory, experiments, and computations. The director, Prof. Porfiri, is the author of more than 350 journal publications and the recipient of numerous professional awards (Wikipedia/Maurizio\_Porfiri).

#### **Application**

Candidates are encouraged to contact Prof. Porfiri via email or through Interfolio <u>here</u>. Candidates should include a

detailed curriculum vitae, a one-page cover letter, a statement of past research experience, and a list of references. The cover letter should include applicants' research interests, and their future plans, both in general and research-wise. Review of applications will begin immediately,



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and candidates are expected to join as early as June 2024.

#### Contact

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### **Keywords**

Animal-robot interactions, ants, behavioral neuroscience, metabolism, schooling, social systems, swimming, and zebrafish

### **EEO/AA Policy**

New York University is an Equal Opportunity Employer. NYU does not discriminate due to race, color, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender and/or gender identity or expression, marital or parental status, national origin, ethnicity, citizenship status, veteran or military status, age, disability, unemployment status or any other legally protected basis, and to the extent permitted by law. Qualified candidates of diverse ethnic and racial backgrounds are encouraged to apply for vacant positions at all levels.

In compliance with NYC's Pay Transparency Act, the annual base salary for this position is \$62,500. New York University considers factors such as (but not limited to) the specific grant funding and the terms of the research grant when extending an offer.

#### **Contact Information**

Please reference Academickeys in your cover letter when applying for or inquiring about this job announcement.

**Contact** Maurizio Porfiri

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