

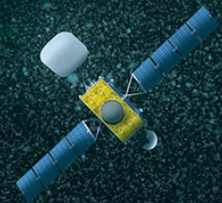


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Why a career in the space field?

- rapidly growing sector
 - international opportunities
 - access to a unique Swiss ecosystem
 - work on missions with real-world impact
 - tackle cutting-edge, interdisciplinary challenges
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Why ESA?

Because it is at the core of the European space industry and works with over 13,000 European companies.



ENTRY-LEVEL AND RESEARCH PROGRAMMES



STUDENT INTERNSHIPS PROGRAMME



NATIONAL TRAINEE PROGRAMMES



ESA CO-FUNDED RESEARCH (for PhDs and post-docs)

ESA GRADUATE TRAINEE PROGRAMME



RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME (post-docs)



JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME



STUDENT INTERNSHIP



DURATION

- 3 – 6 months placement

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Students in their last years of a Master's degree
- You must be a citizen of one of the ESA Member States, Associate Members, European Cooperating States or Canada as a Cooperating State.

WHEN DO THEY OPEN?

- November on <https://jobs.esa.int/>

ESA GRADUATE TRAINEE



YOUNG GRADUATE TRAINEE OPPORTUNITIES



**DREAM
DARE
DO!**



DURATION

- One-year contract (subject to conditions, a second-year extension may be granted)

WHO CAN APPLY?

- You must be a student in the final year of a Master's or have just graduated
- You must be a citizen of one of the ESA Member States, Associate Members, European Cooperating States or Canada as a Cooperating State.

WHEN DO THEY OPEN?

- February

HOW TO APPLY?

- jobs.esa.int

JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMME



DURATION

- A three-year ESA contract with the perspective of a permanent ESA position at the end of the programme.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- You must be graduate of a Master's-level degree programme.
- You must have two to three years of relevant professional experience after Master's
- You must be a citizen of one of the ESA Member States, Associate Members, or Canada as a Cooperating State.

WHEN DO THEY OPEN?

- May 2026 on <https://jobs.esa.int/>

ESA CO-FUNDED RESEARCH



WHAT IS OFFERED?

- ESA co-funding up to 50% and up to €90K research at PhD or post-doc level;
- access to ESA laboratories;
- technical support by ESA experts;
- networking through ESA links to identify industrial partners for further cooperation or to build "innovative networks"

WHO CAN APPLY?

- PhD or post-docs

WHEN DO THEY OPEN?

- Open all year long

HOW TO APPLY?

- ideas.esa.int



RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (RF) PROGRAMME



DURATION

- **2 year contract, with the possibility of a third year**

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Recently attained doctorate (PhD) in a relevant field
- You must be a citizen of one of the ESA Member States, Associate Members, European Cooperating States or Canada as a Cooperating State.

WHEN DO THEY OPEN?

- Research Fellowship opportunities are published throughout the year.

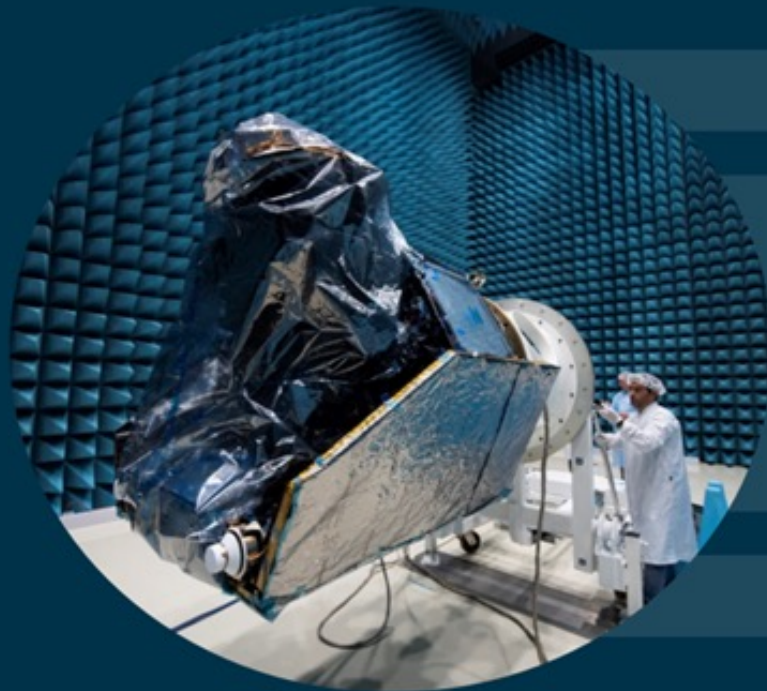
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SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES



Applied mathematics

Earth observation & environmental science
(geophysics, meteorology, climatology)

Planetary & space science
(astronomy, astrophysics, solar physics)

Life & material sciences

BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION



Law

(contracts, procurement, international public law)

Finance

(project control, cost analysis, auditing)

Communications & public relations

Human resources

Facility management



ENGINEERING DISCIPLINES



Mechanical engineering

(optical, propulsion, thermal, mechanisms, structures, materials, robotics)

Electrical engineering

(RF, power & data systems, antennas, microelectronics, EMC, components)

System engineering

Telecom & integrated applications

Software engineering & IT

Ground segment systems & operations



USEFUL LINKS

ENTRY-LEVEL PROGRAMMES & PERMANENT POSITIONS

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