

## ESA Research Fellowships in Space Science

We are pleased to inform you about the opening of the call for the European Space Agency's Research Fellowships in Space Science. The call is expected to open on 26 August 2024 with an **application deadline on 16 September 2024**.

ESA's postdoctoral Research Fellowship programme offers early-career scientists and engineers the possibility to carry out research in a variety of disciplines related to space science, space applications or space technology. Research Fellowships in Space Science specifically offer the opportunity to contribute to ESA's endeavour to explore our Solar System and the Universe, and cover the fields of heliophysics, planetary science, astrophysics and fundamental physics.

The research fellowships offer unique insights into ESA's environment and activities while conducting cutting-edge research. Mentoring and training opportunities are available, as are possibilities to engage with ESA science-related activities (e.g., archives, data science and machine learning, operations, calibration, communication, citizen science).

Within the Science Directorate (SCI), we welcome all independent proposals for innovative research associated with one or more of our missions. The Space Science fellowships can be taken up at any of the three sites ESAC (Spain), ESTEC (Netherlands) or STScI (USA) and we encourage applicants to choose sites that allow for best local collaborations. To learn more about the research conducted by the ESA scientists at different sites, please visit the [Faculty Member Directory](#) and the pages for the Faculty [research groups](#). There is a separate page for [research at the ESA Office at STScI](#) (see also the research of non-ESA scientists at [STScI](#)).

### Duration

Appointments are for a maximum of three years. The initial project is for two years. An extension for a third year requires a dedicated proposal and is frequently granted.

### Who can apply

Applicants should have recently completed or be close to completing their PhD in a scientific or technical discipline. Preference will be given to candidates with up to five years of relevant experience after their PhD.

Please note that applications are only considered from nationals of one of the following States: Austria, Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Nationals from Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia and Slovenia, as Associate Member States, or Canada as a Cooperating State, can apply as well as those from Bulgaria, Croatia and Cyprus as European Cooperating States (ECS).

According to the ESA Convention, the recruitment of staff must take into account an adequate distribution of posts among nationals of the ESA Member States. When short-listing for an interview, priority will first be given to candidates from [under-represented Member States](#).

More information on the Research Fellowship programme and on how to apply can be found at <https://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/space-science-faculty/opportunities/research-fellowships>

**The expected deadline for applications is 16 September 2024. Applicants are strongly encouraged to check the ESA vacancy website (<https://career2.successfactors.eu/career?company=esa>) once the call has been formally opened.**