

Job Title: Internal Research Fellow (PostDoc) for the EU Policy

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EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

Research Fellowship Opportunity in the EU Policy Office, Office of EU Relations, External Relations Department, Director General's Services.

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Post

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This post is classified F2.

Location

ESA Headquarters, Paris, France

Our team and mission

The EU Policy Office is tasked with preparing, assessing and proposing scenarios for the institutional evolution of the European Space Agency in the context of its relationship with the European Union. The entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty in 2009, which granted a competence in space to the EU, has indeed complexified the institutional organisation of the European public sector, with the addition of the European Union as a source of decision making in Space Policy, in parallel to European States. Research on the new multi-level governance system stemming from this new situation is needed to fully assess the scenarios for ESA evolution.

Interested candidates are highly encouraged to visit the ESA website: www.esa.int

Field(s) of activities/research

The Research Fellow will be working for the EU Policy Office in the Director General's Services and will be reporting to the Head of the Office. The postholder will conduct research on the multi-level governance of space policy in Europe in the context of the Lisbon Treaty and of the relationship between ESA and the EU. This will, in particular, require in-depth studies of various aspects of the institutional rules applicable to EU space policy making, studies on the evolution of EU space policy with regard to its different elements and Analysis of the policy and political context within the EU Member States.

The postholder is furthermore expected to actively participate in conferences and meetings to share and promote his/her knowledge.

Technical competencies

Knowledge relevant to the field of research
Research/publication record
Ability to conduct research autonomously
Ability to gather and share relevant information
Strong analytical and reporting skills
Drafting skills

Behavioural competencies

Communication
Self Motivation

Problem Solving
Cross-Cultural Sensitivity
Results Orientation

Education

Applicants should have recently completed, or be close to completion of a PhD in Political science or a related field that is relevant for the above fields of activity. Preference will be given to applications submitted by candidates within five years of receiving their PhD.

Additional requirements

Applicants must have research experience in European Union law and politics with good knowledge of the EU's space policy. In addition to the above competencies, Applicants should also have the:

- ability to understand and cover a wide range of interdisciplinary issues.
- ability to transfer complex analytical content into short, simplified policy briefings.
- ability to understand and conduct qualitative and quantitative research.
- ability to conduct research autonomously.
- ability to gather and share relevant information.

The working languages of the Agency are English and French. A good knowledge of English is required for this post. Knowledge of other member state languages is considered an asset.

Other information

For behavioural competencies expected from ESA staff in general, please refer to the [ESA Competency Framework](#).

The Agency may require applicants to undergo selection tests.

The closing date for applications is 14 December 2017.

In addition to your CV and your motivation letter, please add your proposal of no more than 5 pages outlining your proposed research in the "additional documents" field of the "application information" section. Candidates are asked to arrange for 3 reference letters, to be sent by the referees themselves, before the closing date to temp.htr@esa.int. Please ensure your name is mentioned in the subject of the e-mail.

If you require support with your application due to a disability, please email contact.human.resources@esa.int.

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, the United Kingdom and Canada and Slovenia as well as Bulgaria, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia as European Cooperating States (ECS).

Priority will first be given to candidates from under-represented Member States.

In accordance with the European Space Agency's security procedures and as part of the selection process, successful candidates will be required to undergo basic screening before appointment