

Job Title: Liaison Scientist

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EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

Vacancy in the Directorate of Science.

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Post Liaison Scientist

This post is classified A2-A4 on the Coordinated Organisations' salary scale.

Location
ESTEC, Noordwijk, The Netherlands

Description

The Liaison Scientist, who reports to the Head of the Science Division in the Science and Operations Department of the Directorate of Science, is responsible for promoting and communicating ESA's Science Programme to the Member States' scientific community. You will also report functionally to the Head of the Contents Office in the News & Contents and Internal Communications Division of the ESA Communications Department to support the definition and execution of ESA's communications activities on space science, acting as liaison with ESA's Communications Department.

Duties

- Develop and maintain the ESA Science Programme communication strategy vis-à-vis the Member States' scientific community;
- Liaise with the Science Project Scientists to understand their missions' community-specific communication interests and to support them with implementation as part of the communication strategy;
- Liaise and cooperate closely with the Science Programme Communication Officer to help identify important content relevant to ESA's communication strategies vis-à-vis both the scientific community and the general public;
- Manage, for the Science Programme, the Communication Plan aimed at the scientific community, and contribute to the Annual Communication Plan aimed at the general public and to the Communication Budget Plan for Science;
- Manage the Directorate of Science's online presence focused on the scientific community, using the posting and production resources shared with ESA Communications;
- Provide communications support for scientific community events such as scientific workshops and conferences, and annual international meetings;
- Organise the content necessary for the production of videos, graphics, animations (2D, 3D, and interactive virtual reality) focused on the scientific community;
- Oversee/coordinate the production of content and imagery using the data of operations missions, including those of the Hubble and Webb telescopes.

Technical competencies

Background in one or more of the following domains: solar systems science, astrophysics, space science
Experience in liaising with the scientific community
Experience in Science Communication

Behavioural competencies

Ambassadorship
Cross-Cultural Sensitivity
Planning & Organisation
Communication

Education

A PhD degree in astronomy, planetary science or solar physics is required.

Additional requirements

Excellent spoken and written communication in English is required.

The following qualifications would be an additional asset:

- Additional qualifications in communications or journalism;
- Active research career;
- Broad range of scientific interests;
- Experience in developing communication strategies and planning communication campaigns (including in social media);
- Experience in scientific writing and/or developing content and visual material for science communication;
- Fluency in Spanish, German, French, Italian or Dutch would be an additional asset.

Other information

For behavioural competencies expected from ESA staff in general, please refer to the ESA Competency Framework.

The working languages of the Agency are English and French. A good knowledge of one of these is required. Knowledge of another Member State language would be an asset.

The Agency may require applicants to undergo selection tests.

The closing date for applications is 15 October 2020.

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, Latvia and Slovenia.

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 internal candidates and secondly to external candidates from under-represented Member States. (<http://esamultimedia.esa.int/docs/careers/NationalityTargets.pdf>)

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.

Recruitment will normally be at the first grade in the band (A2); however, if the candidate selected has little or no experience, the position may be filled at A1 level.