

# Job Title: Young Graduate Trainee for Space Law

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## EUROPEAN SPACE AGENCY

Young Graduate Traineeship Opportunity in the Directorate of Ind., Proc. & Legal Serv..

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### Post

#### Young Graduate Trainee for Space Law

This post is classified F1.

### Location

ESA Headquarters, Paris, France

### Our team and mission

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The European Space Agency is an international organisation and the European gateway to space. Together with its Member States, the Agency expands the boundaries of discovery and exploration and provides space applications for the benefit of citizens on Earth.

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The Legal Services Department provides the full range of legal services across ESA's programmes and legal disciplines, such as public international law, European law and the national law of ESA's Member States. You will be part of a team of highly motivated, skilled lawyers working in an inspirational, interdisciplinary and multicultural environment.

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As one of the two Divisions within the Department, the Public International Law Division advises the Agency on inter alia ESA's human spaceflight and exploration, science and space safety programmes; privileges and immunities; export control; security; and space law and public international law in general. We also represent ESA on the Legal Subcommittee of the UN Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, and we manage the Secretariat of the European Centre for Space Law (ECSL).

You can find further information on the ECSL at: [www.esa.int/ecsl](http://www.esa.int/ecsl)

### Field(s) of activities/research/learning areas

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As a Young Graduate Trainee, you will (1) provide support to the International Law Division in space law and public international law, and (2) serve as the ECSL Executive Secretary.

Your responsibilities in relation to the International Law Division will include:

- Carrying out legal research and analysis in space law, public international law and the law of international organisations, including questions of doctrine and practice;
- Preparing, contributing to, reviewing and processing documents and legal instruments (agreements, memoranda, etc.) as part of the Division's daily business;
- Contributing to internal meetings, participating in meetings with external clients and parties (e.g. with Member State delegations), and assisting with research projects carried out within the Department;
- Helping to keep the Department up to date on relevant legal, policy and market developments in the space sector in Europe and worldwide, including the development of space law and regulation.

In your capacity as ECSL Executive Secretary, your responsibilities will include:

- Carrying out the day-to-day management of ECSL, including finance, membership relations and relations with the National Point of Contact (NPOC) network, and organising meetings, events and outreach activities;
- Proactively looking for ways to continue to develop and modernise the ECSL, such as enhancing visibility, identifying new opportunities for growth and cooperation, and organising new activities;
- Representing and promoting the ECSL as a modern, responsive and relevant space law institution, inter alia through the use of social media, combining innovative ideas and legal excellence;
- Boosting ECSL outreach by creating up-to-date, relevant content for the ECSL website, LinkedIn and Facebook, in line with the ESA/ECSL brand identity.

## Technical competencies

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Knowledge of relevant technical domains  
Relevant experience gained during internships/project work  
Breadth of exposure coming from past and/or current research/activities  
Knowledge of ESA and its programmes/projects

## Behavioural competencies

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Self Motivation  
Communication  
Continuous Learning  
Cross-Cultural Sensitivity  
Teamwork

## Education

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You should have just completed, or be in your final year of, a University course at Master Level in law or political science, including studies in public international law.

## Additional requirements

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You should also have good knowledge of space law and space policy, demonstrated through both study and experience. Given that the function of the ECSL Secretary includes organisational, administrative and representational responsibilities vis-à-vis a large external community, related experience is an asset (e.g. internships, relevant extra-curricular activities).

You should demonstrate a strong interest in ESA's activities and the space sector more broadly, and enthusiasm for space law education and public outreach. We also require you to be familiar with IT tools in general, the internet and social media.

You should have excellent interpersonal communication skills, be able to represent the ECSL in a professional, responsive manner, and contribute to a multicultural environment, both independently and as part of a team.

In addition, you should demonstrate good interpersonal skills and the capacity to work independently and as part of a team.

You must be fluent in English and/or French, the working languages of the Agency. A good proficiency in English is required.

During the interview, your motivation and overall career goals will also be explored.

## Other information

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

### **The closing date for applications is Friday 1 January 2021.**

At the Agency we value diversity and we welcome people with disabilities. Whenever possible, we seek to accommodate individuals with disabilities by providing the necessary support at the workplace. The Human Resources Department can also provide assistance during the recruitment process. If you would like to discuss this further please contact us at [contact.human.resources@esa.int](mailto:contact.human.resources@esa.int).

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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 and Slovenia, as Associate Member States, or Canada as a Cooperating State, can apply as well as those from Bulgaria, Cyprus, Lithuania and 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