

ESPI vacancy notice

Research Intern – Space in support of NGOs

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) is looking to employ **one Research Intern** for a duration of **6 months** at the premises of the Institute in Vienna, starting in **July 2020**, to support a research activity on the topic of Space in support of NGOs.

The European Space Policy Institute

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) is an independent think-tank specialised in space-related affairs. Founded in 2003, ESPI is a not-for-profit organisation based in Vienna, World capital of space diplomacy. The Institute is supervised by a General Assembly of member organisations and supported by an Advisory Council of independent high-level experts.

The mission of the Institute is to provide decision-makers with an informed view on mid- to long-term issues relevant to Europe's space activities. To this end, ESPI relies on a multinational team with interdisciplinary expertise to monitor major developments and trends in the global space sector and to conduct independent research and analysis on outstanding issues for European space policy.

More information on ESPI is available on our website: www.espi.or.at

Research project

Space-based services (e.g. Earth Observation, Navigation, Telecommunications) can bring substantial benefits to civil society and its organisations. These applications are, however, not always well known and actions could be taken to raise awareness and improve the use of space by relevant organisations.

This research project aims at identifying appropriate ways to reinforce cooperation and synergies between Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) involved in the environmental and humanitarian fields and the space community, in particular the European Space Agency (ESA).

In the frame of this project, ESPI will provide a mapping of relevant NGOs active in and from Europe and assess their current use of space applications. The research will also involve an analysis of how space applications could better support NGOs missions and how the space community could better engage with civil society.

Duties

Duties and responsibilities envisioned for the internship include:

- Support ESPI Research Team in the frame of this research project:
 - Background research: literature review, information and data collection and compilation, stakeholders consultation through dedicated interviews or surveys
 - Methodology and analysis tools preparation
 - Comprehensive and thorough analysis of the research thematic
 - Synthesis of results and recommendations
 - Report writing and editing
- Support general activities of the Institute:
 - Conferences, workshops and other events organisation
 - Working with other researchers and interns of the Institute on common projects
 - Project control and reporting to ESPI management, partners or customers
 - Participation to ESPI daily routine and meetings

Qualifications and competencies

For this internship ESPI is looking for applicants with an educational background (at least 3 years degree) in political sciences, international relations, public affairs or any other relevant field.

The following competencies would be considered an asset:

- Acquaintance with the research topic or a related field
- Previous experience in policy research, consulting or advisory
- General knowledge and understanding of space institutions and programmes

Applicants to the internship should demonstrate good interpersonal skills and the capacity to work both independently and as part of a team. Good knowledge of MS Office is required.

The working language of ESPI is English. Excellent command of the English language, written and oral, is **imperative**. A track record of articles, papers, thesis or reports written in English would be appreciated.

Application process

This is a paid internship.

ESPI can only accept applications from EU and EEA citizens, Swiss nationals as well as citizens from all around the world who hold a combined residence and work permit for Austria.

To apply for this internship, please send to office@espi.or.at a copy of your CV, a cover letter and – if applicable – sample documentation supporting your qualifications (e.g. a previously published article, thesis extracts, etc.), with subject: [Research Intern – Space in support of NGOs] before 14/06/2020, 19:00 CET. Please do not submit educational records or certificates at this stage.