

ESPI vacancy notice

Research Intern – Key issues at play for Europe in the field of space safety and security

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) is looking to employ one or more Research Intern/s for a duration of 6 months (with the possibility of an extension of another 6 months) at the premises of the Institute in Vienna in mid/late October 2022 to support ESPI activities in the domains of space safety and security.

About the European Space Policy Institute

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) is an association ruled by Austrian Law, based in Vienna, founded at its inception (2003) by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) and supported by members including national space agencies, the European Commission, and leading space industry companies.

The Institute provides decision-makers with an informed view on mid-to-long-term issues relevant to Europe's space activities. ESPI fulfils its objectives through various multidisciplinary research activities giving way to the publication of reports, articles, executive briefs, proceedings or position papers and to the organisation of conferences and events including the annual ESPI Autumn Conference.

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

Field of activities and duties

The Intern will work as part of the team responsible for ESPI projects on contemporary issues in space safety and security.

Duties and responsibilities envisioned for the internship are mostly include:

- desk research, information and data collection and compilation,
- stakeholder consultation through interviews and/or surveys,
- synthesis of information in impactful reports, including graphs and visuals.

The internship will also entail activities related to the organisation of events. Moreover, the Intern will take part in general activities of the Institute such as internal meetings.

Qualifications and competencies

For the internship ESPI is looking for candidates with an educational background in space policy, space law or security policy/studies, but also welcomes applications for candidates with a background in political science, international relations or engineering.

Candidates should justify acquaintance with the space sector.

Other Requirements:

- Excellent command of spoken and written English,
- Working knowledge of MS Office (Excel, Word, Power Point),
- Understanding of EU policies and governance,
- Good analytical and synthesis skills,

- Good interpersonal skills and the capacity to work both independently and as part of a team.

The following would be considered an asset:

- General knowledge and understanding of space institutions, of their programmes and strategy and of the main political and technical trends affecting the global and European space sector
- Acquaintance with key topics relevant for this internship - e.g. space safety, space security, space surveillance and tracking, space situational awareness, space sustainability, or space operations
- Previous experience in policy research, consulting or advisory,
- Experience of writing articles, papers and/or reports in English,
- Activity in student societies and organisations.

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

Application process

ESPI can only accept applications by EU citizens or non-EU citizens holding residence and employment permit in 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, report, thesis extracts, etc.), with the subject: “ESPI internship application – “Space safety and security” before 19.09.2022, 23:59 CET. Please do not submit educational records or certificates at this stage.

Please note that the place of work is at ESPI premises in Vienna. Remote work is not envisaged for this internship.