

ESPI vacancy notice

Research Intern – Space Commerce

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) is looking to employ a Research Intern for a minimum of 6 months (with the possibility of an additional 6-month extension) at the premises of the Institute in Vienna, starting from mid/late October 2022, to support several projects related to space economy and commerce.

The European Space Policy Institute

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) is an association ruled by Austrian Law, based in Vienna, funded at its inception (2003) by the Austrian Space Agency and ESA, and now supported by 17 members which include European national space agencies, the European Commission, and main European space services companies and manufacturers.

The Institute provides decision-makers with an informed view on mid-to-long-term issues relevant to Europe's space activities. In this context, ESPI acts as an independent platform for developing positions and strategies.

ESPI fulfils its objectives through various multidisciplinary research activities giving way to the publication of books, reports, papers, articles, executive briefs, proceedings or position papers and to the organisation of conferences and events including the annual ESPI Autumn Conference. Located in the heart of Vienna, the Institute developed a privileged relationship with the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs and with a network of researchers and experts in Europe and across the globe.

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

Field of Activities

The European space landscape is evolving with an increasing number of private actors, new business models and commercial forces impacting the development of the European space economy and shaping prospects for space commerce in Europe.

The research intern is expected to actively work as part of the team responsible for the conduct of several activity lines related to the realm of space economy and commerce.

Duties

Duties and responsibilities envisioned for the internship include:

- Support ESPI Research Team in the frame of this research project:
 - Data collection and compilation;
 - Data analysis and creative exploitation;
 - Stakeholders consultation through dedicated interviews or surveys;
 - Methodology and analysis tools preparation;
 - Synthesis of results and recommendations;
 - Report writing and editing
- Support general activities of the Institute:
 - Conferences, workshops and other events organization
 - Working with other researchers and interns of the institute on common projects
 - Project control and reporting to ESPI management, partners or customers
 - Participation in ESPI daily routine and meetings

Qualifications and competencies

For this internship, ESPI is looking for applicants with an educational background (at least a 3-year degree) in economy or business. Degrees in engineering, political science or legal studies will also be considered when candidates can demonstrate a solid understanding of economic & commercial forces, concepts and theories.

The following competencies would be considered an asset:

- **Understanding forces at play in the European space sector, across market segments.**
- Previous experience in policy research, consulting or advisory;
- General knowledge and understanding of space institutions, their programmes and strategy and of the main trends affecting the global and European space sector;
- Drive for autonomous research, and skill development paired with a self-starter mindset.

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 will be appreciated.

Application process

ESPI can only accept applications by EU citizens or non-EU citizens holding residence and employment permits 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, thesis extracts, etc.), with the subject: “**ESPI internship application – Economy & Commerce**” before 23/09/2022, 19:00 CET. Please do not submit educational records or certificates at this stage.