

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), to support ESPI Space Sector Watch activities (ESPI Insights, ESPI Yearbook). The position is located at the premises of the Institute in Vienna, starting from 1 July 2023.

### The European Space Policy Institute

ESPI was founded in 2003 at the initiative of the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), and is supported by members including national space agencies, the European Commission, and European industry. ESPI's mission is to provide decision-makers with proposals, recommendations and policy options, supported by informed views on mid-to-long-term issues relevant to Europe's space activities. ESPI fulfils its objectives through multidisciplinary research activities giving way to a variety of publications, while also organizing conferences, workshops and other events.

More information on ESPI is available on our website: [www.espi.or.at](http://www.espi.or.at)

### Fields of activities and duties

The Research Intern is expected to work as part of a team responsible for the conduct of Space Sector Watch. Specific allocation of tasks and responsibilities will be done in accordance with the candidates background, expertise and skills.

ESPI continuously monitors space sector developments through several projects, including:

- **ESPI Insights and the ESPI Yearbook** provide a periodical overview of major developments in the space sector, covering policy & programmes, economy & business, industry & innovation and launch activity. The project involves continuous monitoring of news from different sources and a synthesis/analysis of major information in monthly reports and an annual yearbook.

Duties and responsibilities envisioned for the internships include:

- Actively contribute to these research projects:
  - Sectoral watch, information and data collection and compilation in databases
  - Synthesis of relevant information in impactful reports, including production of visuals and infographics;
  - Support to the continuous improvement of methodologies and analysis tools.
- Support general activities of the Institute:
  - Participation and support to conferences, workshops and other events;
  - Participation to ESPI daily routine and meetings.

The Internships may also involve a participation in other ESPI projects not listed above, according to the Institute needs.

### Qualifications and competencies

For this internship ESPI welcomes applications from candidates with an educational background (at least 3 year degree) in political science, economics, international relations, engineering or business who can justify **acquaintance with the space sector**.

The following competencies would be considered an asset:

- General knowledge and understanding of space institutions, of their programmes and strategy and of the main political, technical and economic trends affecting the global and European space sector;
- Proficiency in data analytics, preparation of visuals and infographics and/or database management;
- Previous experience in policy research, consulting or advisory;

Proficiency in MS Office (Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Microsoft Excel) is required. Basic skills in database development & exploitation are considered an asset. The working language of ESPI is English. **Excellent command of English**, written and oral, is mandatory. A track record of articles, papers or thesis written in English can be annexed to your application.

### Application process

We 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:

- [A copy of your CV, and](#)
- [A cover letter.](#)

to [vacancies@espi.or.at](mailto:vacancies@espi.or.at) with the subject: "ESPI Internship application – Space Sector Watch" **before 23 May 2023, 23:59 CEST**. Please do not submit educational records or certificates at this stage. The position is full-time (40 hours/week). The advertised salary for this internship is € 1,400 gross per month on a full-time basis (paid 14 times a year, pro rata).