



ESO Studentship Programme at a glance

Application deadlines:
May 31 and November 15, each year

WHO?

Students enrolled in a Ph.D. programme in astronomy or related fields. Students accepted into the programme work on their doctoral project under the formal supervision of their home university, and they come to ESO to work and study under the co-supervision of an ESO staff astronomer.

WHERE?

Studentships may be hosted either at ESO's headquarters in Garching (Germany) or at ESO's offices in Santiago (Chile).

HOW LONG?

Minimum 1 year, up to 2 years.

HOW TO APPLY?

Please include the following documents in your application:

- a cover letter;
- a Curriculum Vitae, including a list of publications, if any;
- copies of your university **transcript** and **certificate(s) or diploma(s)**;
- a **summary of your Master's thesis project** (if applicable) and ongoing projects (max. ½ page), including the title and supervisor;
- an **outline of the proposed PhD project** (recommended 1 page, maximum 2), containing a clear timeline, the requested starting date and duration for the studentship at ESO. The candidate should highlight the advantages of coming to ESO in the project description;
- the **names and contact details** of your home institute supervisor and the ESO local supervisor. They will be automatically invited to submit a recommendation letter.
- a letter from the home institute that:
 - i) **guarantees financial support** (salary, health insurance and travel money) for the remaining PhD period after the termination of the ESO studentship;
 - ii) indicates whether the **prerequisites** to obtain the PhD degree at the home institute have already been met.

⇒ Apply via the ESO recruitment portal: <https://jobs.eso.org/>

DATES

Before May and November:

Contact ESO supervisor well in advance of the application deadline in order to coordinate your research project jointly with your home institute supervisor

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IMPORTANT LINKS

<http://www.eso.org/sci/activities/FeSt-overview/ESOstudentship.html> ⇒ All relevant information about the ESO Studentship Programme

<http://www.eso.org/sci/activities/thesis-topics.html> ==> List of Ph.D. projects currently being offered by ESO staff

<http://www.eso.org/sci/activities/personnel.html> ⇒ List of potential ESO supervisors and their research interests <https://jobs.eso.org/> ESO recruitment portal for submitting your application