



ESO Studentship Programme at a glance

Application deadlines:
May 31 and November 30, 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 6 months, 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, indicating the title and the supervisor (maximum half a page);
- a short description of the general scientific plan for the PhD, indicating the tentative title and the home institute supervisor (maximum half a page). The planned starting date and end date should also be included;
- an outline of the proposed project for the Studentship (maximum one page), containing a clear timeline including the tentative start and expected end dates of the Studentship at ESO. The candidate should highlight how the proposed project fits in the context of the overall PhD plan and the advantages of coming to ESO;
- 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; however, applicants are strongly advised to trigger these invitations (using the web application form) well in advance of the application deadline (can be done before the final submission of the application);
- 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/fellowships-and-studentships/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 and links to the list of potential ESO supervisors and their research interests (Chile and Germany)

<https://jobs.eso.org/> ⇒ ESO recruitment portal for submitting your application