



# ESO Studentship Programme at a glance

Application deadlines:  
30 April and 20 October, 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 supervisor, 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/or other non-PhD related 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, the home institute supervisor and the start and end date of the PhD (maximum half a page);
- 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 what are the advantages of coming to ESO. The candidates should also state clearly whether they still must attend classes at the university. If they do, please detail (max half a page extra) the course plan and the estimated workload needed to focus on the classes;
- two letters of reference will be required: a) from your home institute supervisor, and b) your ESO supervisor. Your reference persons, once their name and contact details are entered in the Web application form, will be automatically invited to submit a recommendation letter. 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) states whether all the prerequisites to obtain the PhD degree at the home institute have been met.

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

## DATES

Before April and October: Contact ESO supervisor well in advance of the application deadline to coordinate your research project jointly with your home institute supervisor

Closing date for applications: April 30 & 20 October

## 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