



# ESO Studentship Programme at a glance

Application deadlines:  
April 20 and October 20, 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 at ESO's offices in Santiago (Chile)
- Minimum 1 year up to 2 years at ESO's offices in Santiago (Chile),

## HOW TO APPLY?

Please include the following documents in your application:

- A motivational letter.
- A curriculum vitae, including a list of publications, if any.
- Copies of your university transcript and certificates/diplomas.
- A summary of your master's thesis project (if applicable) and/or other ongoing projects (maximum half a page).
- A short description of your general PhD scientific plan, including tentative title, home institute supervisor, and start/end dates (maximum half a page).
- An outline of the proposed project for the Studentship (maximum one page), including a clear timeline with start, end date and possible milestones of the ESO studentship. The project description must also highlight its alignment with the overall PhD plan and the benefits of being at ESO. The project should also include a clear statement about whether you need to attend university classes during the studentship, along with a course plan if applicable (maximum an extra half page).
- Two letters of reference: one from your home institute supervisor and one from your proposed ESO supervisor. Once you have entered the names and contact details of your reference persons in the web application form, they will automatically receive an invitation to submit a recommendation letter. We strongly recommend that you initiate these invitations well in advance of the application deadline (this can be done even before you submit the final application).
- A letter from your home institute providing: i) confirmation that you are enrolled in a PhD program, ii) a confirmation of whether your current PhD scholarship will be paused during the ESO studentship, iii) if the scholarship will continue, a statement of the **monthly net salary** you will receive, iv) a guarantee of financial support for the remainder of your PhD after the ESO studentship ends.

⇒ 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

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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