

NOTICE OF SELECTION FOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME ON SPACE DISCIPLINE OF INTEREST TO ASI FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG RESEARCHERS

The Italian Space Agency (ASI), in collaboration with the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC) intends to launch for the year 2023 an "Internship Programme", on space-related subjects of interest to ASI, for up to 4 positions at the Agency's offices in Italy. This Internship Programme is intended for students who are both enrolled in a University degree program (Master's degree, Ph.D. or equivalent) and members of the SGAC.

The Agency's macro topics of particular interest for this edition are:

- a) *SCIENCE AND EXPLORATION: Mission support systems, including life, microgravity, space exploration, space debris and SETI;*
- b) *TECHNOLOGY: Common technologies for space systems, including astrodynamics, structures, power and propulsion;*
- c) *SPACE AND SOCIETY: Interaction of space with society, including education, policy and economics, history and law.*

The Internship Programme consists of a period of up to three months of study and research apprenticeship at one of ASI's Italian sites for the implementation of a subject related to the student's university programme of study.

ASI provides for each internship position a grant of €2,000.00 to cover travel and subsistence costs.

The student will be responsible for obtaining all the required visas for entry and stay in Italy, and must provide and make known to ASI, upon acceptance of the Internship, the details of medical and health insurance against illness, accident, disability or death during the internship period.

To participate, the following requirements must be met:

- Be regularly enrolled in an ECF 7 university course of study (Master's degree, Ph.D. or equivalent);
- Have working knowledge of the English language (certified level C1);
- Be a member of the Space Generation Advisory Council (SGAC).

Under penalty of exclusion:

1. the application:

a. must be submitted in PDF format from an e-mail address registered to candidate's name, to asi@asi.postacert.it and the subject of the e-mail must bear the following wording "**Application for Internship programme**" ASI-SGAC, Student Name and Surname";

b. must be submitted no later than the peremptory deadline of thirty days from the day following the date of publication of this notice on the ASI website (if this deadline falls on a Saturday or Italian public holiday, it shall be extended to the first following working day).

i. The validity of the submission of the application is attested by the "Receipt of delivery" which must be received by the sender's personal mailbox by 23:59:59 of the last day for the submission of applications as indicated above;

ii. It is the applicant's (i.e. sender's) responsibility to verify receipt in their personal mailbox of this confirmation, which is issued by the telematic system, and constitutes proof that the message sent has been correctly, delivered to the address (ASI), and the time of delivery. Candidates whose applications, for whatever reason, are submitted after the above-mentioned deadline will not be admitted to the selection process;

c. must be formulated using the attached model, and must be signed by the candidate, either with a handwritten signature or with a digital signature. Pursuant to Article 39 of Presidential Decree No. 445/2000, authentication of the signature of the application is not required. Any other form of submission and presentation of applications and their attachments constitutes exclusion from the process;

2. under penalty of exclusion, the application - formulated according to the form indicated - must be accompanied by

- a) Front/back copy of a valid identity document.
- b) Proposal of the research and subject of study that the candidate intends to carry out at ASI as per the attached form.
- c) Curriculum Vitae et *studiorum* in the attached format and signed by the candidate.
- d) A letter illustrating the relevance of the proposed Internship topic of study to the ASI themes of interest as indicated in the notice;
- e) Two letters of introduction from University Professors;
- f) Certification of level of knowledge of the English language.

The candidate may also consider whether to attach a letter of recommendation to the application, but this shall not constitute grounds for exclusion:

- I. Any other titles, certificates, scientific publications of which they are the author.

Once the application has been submitted, the candidate must not produce any further documentation, in accordance with the provisions of art. 15 of Law 183/2011: "Pursuant to art. 15 of Law 183/2011, it is forbidden to submit to public administrations and to private managers of public services, certificates concerning states, facts and personal qualities, which are, therefore, always replaced by declarations *in lieu* of certification and deed of notoriety or (art. 46 and 47 D.P.R. 445/2000)".

Candidates who have omitted, in whole or in part, any of the documentation requested in this notice shall not be allowed to regularise their application after the deadline for submission.

ASI reserves the right to carry out appropriate generalised or random checks on the truthfulness of the statements made by candidates in their applications and CVs. Therefore, the information provided in applications and CVs must contain all the necessary indications to enable these verifications to be carried out.

The declarations made and signed in the application and its annexes have the value of self-certification, in accordance with Presidential Decree 445 of 2000; in the event of falsity in deeds and mendacious declarations, the sanctions provided for in Article 76 of the aforementioned Presidential Decree 445/2000 shall be applied.

A commission, specifically appointed by ASI, will perform the selection of the students. They will assess the qualifications and skills declared and self-certified in the application form and annexes, as well as the relevance of the proposed Internship subject of the course of study with the themes of interest to ASI.

The person responsible for the procedure is Donatella Marucci, Ph.D.

Any communication or request for information concerning this notice must be made in writing to the e-mail address: asi@asi.postacert.it.