

## **Postdoctoral Researcher in Space Policy**

We are seeking a highly motivated and skilled **Postdoctoral Researcher in Space Policy** to join our academic and interdisciplinary team.

This **full-time position of two years** is based at the International Space University ISU in Strasbourg, France. It is part of a John Templeton Foundation grant in close cooperation with the Space Policy Institute at George Washington University (GWU). Joint activities in the USA are part of this project.

The successful candidate will investigate how international cooperation in deep space exploration may evolve with the aim of finding common values among current and potential space stakeholders. These stakeholders should represent many different disciplines ranging from engineering to philosophy as well as being representative of space-faring and emerging space nations.

The successful candidate will have opportunities for professional development and networking within the field of space policy or a related field of interest.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Conduct in-depth research and analysis on the dynamics of international cooperation in deep space exploration;
- Engage with stakeholders from space agencies, international organizations, academia, and also with varied expertise in ethics, philosophy, art, literature, and other expertise in order to gather diverse perspectives on international cooperation and identify areas of convergence and divergence;
- Monitor and analyze policy development with colleagues and external partners to design and conduct surveys, interviews, and workshops aimed at understanding the perspectives and priorities of different space-faring and emerging space nations;
- Contribute to the development of reports, policy briefs, and academic publications to disseminate research findings on international cooperation in deep space exploration and present

research findings to students at ISU, conferences, workshops, and seminars.

**Qualifications:**

- A Ph.D. or equivalent in a relevant field such as political science, international relations, space policy, or a related discipline. The degree should have been awarded within the past 2-3 years.
- Strong background and research expertise in space policy and international relations, or related areas.
- Knowledge of space treaties, agreements, and governance frameworks and an understanding of the geopolitical factors that influence space activities.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills, including the ability to write for both academic and policy-oriented audiences in English.
- Ability to work effectively both independently and as part of a multidisciplinary team, collaborating with researchers from diverse backgrounds.
- Experience presenting research findings at workshops and conferences, and publishing in peer-reviewed journals is desirable.
- Experience in conference organization and grant writing would be an asset.

The annual gross salary for this position is [35,000-45,000 Euros](#).

To apply, please submit a cover letter, curriculum vitae (CV), and a writing sample showcasing your research skills and expertise in space policy to [hr@isunet.edu](mailto:hr@isunet.edu). Additionally, provide contact information for two references who can speak to your qualifications and potential as a space policy researcher.

The International Space University is an equal-opportunity employer and encourages applicants from diverse backgrounds to apply. The application deadline is [15 July, 2023](#), and we anticipate the appointment to begin on [September 1, 2023](#).