

ESA Spaceship Poland



Appendix No. 1

ESA Spaceship Poland offer

Closing Date: 19 December 2025 23:59 CET/CEST

Type of Contract: Agreement on the Organization of Supporting Scientific Research within the ESA

Spaceship Poland Program and the Funding of a Scholarship

Location: Poznan University of Technology

Mission

Spaceship Poland is the newest addition to the Spaceship family, hosted at Poznan University of Technology (PUT) in Poznan, Poland. Spaceship Poland will integrate research and academia, providing opportunities for students to engage in space-related projects with a pragmatic, hands on approach.

Field(s) of activity/research:

Domains:

- robotics and mechanisms
- in-space manufacturing
- autonomy in space
- Al applications, covering both upstream and downstream space sectors

Nationality and Languages

Polish citizens and other ESA Member States citizens within EU (no working visa required), non-EU ESA Member States citizens working visa required.

Education

Students and PhD candidates with the proven student status at the date of starting the research activity.

Important Information

- 6-month in person stay at Poznan University of Technology/POLAND
- We offer 6-month an amount of 900 EUR per month as a scholarship to cover living expenses.
- We provide the opportunity for a study visit at another ESA Spaceship in Europe.
- Students and PhD candidates at Spaceship Poland will be based primarily at PUT's Main Campus (Warta), however they will also have access to lab space and testing facilities at the Space Robots' Testing Facility at Kakolewo Campus.
- Submission deadline: 19 December 2025 23:59 CET/CEST
- Interviews for preselected candidates: 29-30 December 2025
- Scientific research under the ESA Spaceship Poland programme start date: 2 February 2026
- Scientific research under the ESA Spaceship Poland programme end date: 31 July 2026

In addition to your CV and your motivation letter, please provide your preference with number from 1 to 10 (1 most preferred – 10 least preferred option) to the proposed topics:

- 1. Multi-Modal Locomotion Systems for Lunar Terrain
- 2. Definition and Analysis of Lunar Terrain Scenarios
- 3. Learning-Based Imitation Techniques for Lunar Construction Robots
- 4. Development of Advanced Grippers and Autonomous Alignment for Lunar Brick Construction



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- 5. 3D Sensing and Map-Building System for Lunar Exploration
- 6. Autonomous Cargo and Rover Offloading System for Lunar Landers
- 7. General Visual Features-based System for Terrain Traversability Analysis
- 8. Neural Architecture Search Approach for Optimised Lunar Robotic Perception
- 9. Extending Lunar Environment Simulator to Enable Robot Perception Research
- 10. Exploiting XR Technologies for Robotic Applications in Space Exploration Domain

Applications should be sent to the following email address: esaspaceship@put.poznan.pl

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