

# Archival Research Visitor Programme - Update

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# First cycle



- Very successful first open call completed, over 30 applications
- Best research projects on archival data selected by peer review: ESA & User Groups, THANK YOU!
- Seven early-career scientists from Member States will visit ESAC and ESTEC for a few months, first two already here!
- Projects cover all area of space science, from nearby planets to AGN (list on [www.cosmos.esa.int/web/esdc/visitor-programme](http://www.cosmos.esa.int/web/esdc/visitor-programme))
- Excellent opportunity for exchanges between ESA and community and foster collaborations
- Other organisations interested in “model” (NASA, ESO, CDS)



The screenshot shows the ESA website page for the Archival Research Visitor Programme. The page is titled "ARCHIVAL RESEARCH VISITOR PROGRAMME" and includes a navigation menu on the left with links such as Home, About ESDC, Archival Research Visitor Programme, Newsletter, Science Archives, Archive Image Browser, ESASky, DOIs, User Survey Results, Videos, Scientific Tutorials, Publications, VOSpec, Euro-VO Registry, Archives User Groups, and Contact Us. The main content area provides information about the programme, including its purpose, eligibility criteria, and application details. A red banner indicates that the next deadline for applications is 31 October 2021. The page also includes a "Call for applications" section with a list of required information for the application, such as the description of the research project, public archival data, expertise, and contact information. A "Students" section mentions that proposals can be submitted by students themselves or by their supervisors.





- Ongoing, deadline 3 November, selection will follow
- Same advertisement channels used as in Cycle 1
- So far less applications. Season? Other channels? But let's wait and see...
- Say there are 10-15 for astronomy, do you all want to get them?



## **Requirement that applicants are employed by Member States' institutes**

- Nationality not important, provided they work in one of those countries
- Same applicants from underprivileged countries feel discriminated
- Should we suggest that we reserve one position a year to cover those cases?

## **It is all in the name: Archival Research Visitor Programme**

- What does it mean to you?
- Members of Space Science Advisory Committee told us it is unclear: “archiving technology”?
- Will brainstorm to understand whether a new name is needed. Any advice?