

PORTUGUESE SPACE AGENCY

Vacancy

Portuguese Space Agency (Portugal Space) is an equal opportunity employer.

POST Science Officer

LOCATION Based in Lisbon, Portugal.

DUTIES Reporting directly to the Board, the Science Officer will be responsible for matters of interest for the scientific community and will interact with the Board of Directors and all other staff of the Agency, as well as external partners, industry and collaborating entities nationally, in Europe and worldwide.

The Science Officer will support and advise the Board of Directors in all matters related to Astronomy and Astrophysics, Space Exploration and Life Sciences, and the industrial aspects associated with projects with a science focus or a science dimension. In particular, the post holder will:

- play a key role in the process of definition, implementation, and follow-up of the Agency's Science Programme;
- have oversight and provide regular reports to the Board of Directors on all programmatic elements of the Science Programme, including project status and financial matters;
- at the request of the President, represent the Agency in committees of organizations where the Agency holds a representation role;
- assist the Board of Directors in preparing strategic communication material such as presentations and policy briefs addressed to high-level stakeholders in government and other stakeholders.

- Under the delegation of the President of the Agency, chair the meetings of the Agency's Space Sciences Advisory Committee.
- Work closely together with the Science, Education and Outreach Officer and the Outreach and Communication Team to support the Agency's public outreach, education, and training activities.
- Be responsible for keeping regular contact with the Agency's stakeholders, maintaining and disseminating updated information of scientific projects/programs and the industrial opportunities associated to them;
- Promote the Portuguese scientific community and space industry in domestic and international events;
- Be responsible for linking science to all other subjects treated by the Agency in as much as is needed and look for venues for new activities;
- Keep a constant dialogue with different stakeholders (scientific community, government officials, ESO, EST, SKA, ESA, etc) during the definition and implementation phases and its future reviews;
- Be up-to-date with transformational changes in the field of space and ground-based science (both from a scientific as well as an industrial perspective) and identify opportunities to drive changes in the field;
- Contribute to an open constructive and lively working atmosphere.

QUALIFICATIONS Applicants for this position should:

- Have a PhD. in space sciences, engineering, or life sciences;
- Have extensive knowledge of the scientific landscape in Europe and internationally related to space and ground-based astronomy;
- Have international experience in interfacing with International Organizations;
- Have a sound knowledge of the scientific communities;

- Have experience in working with research institutions; experience interfacing with the industry is a plus;
- Be up to date on topics of interest to the space sector;
- Open, dynamic, creative, flexible, customer oriented;
- The possession of the necessary clearance is considered a must;
- The working languages of the Agency are Portuguese and English. A good knowledge of English is required;
- Advisory experience, lecture coordination, and experience as a trainer in science or engineering is considered a plus.

CLOSING DATE The closing date for applications is 10th March 2023.

Applications, CV and Motivation letter, for this post should preferably be made online using join@ptspace.pt. Those unable to apply online should submit their CV to [Portugal Space, Estrada das Laranjeiras, n.º 197, RC, 1649-018, Lisboa].

The Agency may require applicants to undergo selection tests.

In accordance with Portugal Space's security procedures and as part of the selection process, successful candidates will be required to undergo basic screening before appointment.