

Training Opportunity for Portuguese Trainees

Reference	Specialist Area	Duty Station
PT-2012-[TEC-ST]	Technology Transfer Programme Office	ESTEC (NL)
<p><u>Overview of the Division missions:</u></p> <p>ESA's Technology Transfer Programme Office is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying technologies developed for ESA's space programmes which may be suitable for transferring to non-space sectors • Promoting space technologies and looking for new markets, applications and opportunities • Creating and managing the ESA Business Incubator (ESA BIC) and associated European Space Incubator network (ESINET) <p>TTPO operates mainly through its network of technology brokers in Member States who act as intermediaries between space and non-space industries. Essentially the brokers identify technologies developed for ESA's space programmes which might be suitable for transferring to non-space sectors and for finding potential applications for these technologies – especially those which enhance the quality of everyday life by bringing benefits to society as well as industry.</p> <p>An important activity of the TTPO is managing the European Space Incubator and associated ESI Network which provides assistance to young entrepreneurs wishing to develop products and services based on space technologies, systems and expertise.</p>		
<p><u>Overview of the field of activity proposed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting in the technology transfer process, i.e identifying opportunities, applications and markets for new technologies within the space sector • Assisting in activities within on-going specific transfer projects as well as within the European Space Incubator principal sectors health care, mining and mineral exploration, transportation, textiles, waste management, water recycling, forestry etc) • Helping to establish and maintain relations with potential contractors, incubatees and international and national technology transfer organizations and networks, in particular with European Union and other official bodies and entities with regard to new opportunities, applications and markets • Assisting in supporting newly-created start-ups within the Incubator with hands-on assistance, market research and access to finance <p>The trainee will help actively to contribute to other existing activities in the TTPO when required</p>		
<p><u>Required Education:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degree or equivalent in science, engineering, technology or business management • Skills or experience in relevant areas such as technology transfer, marketing, economics, business administration, entrepreneurship, innovative design • Ability to work fairly autonomously within a close-knit team 		