



European Southern Observatory

Working at ESO

Who we are

ESO, as the foremost intergovernmental organisation in the field of ground-based astronomy, and the most productive ground-based observatory in the world by far, operates three unique world-class observing sites in Chile.

ESO is the European partner in the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA), currently the largest ground-based astronomy project, and is planning to build the European Extremely Large Telescope (E-ELT) – “the world’s biggest eye on the sky” – which will be the largest optical/near-infrared telescope in the world.

What ESO can offer:

- Scientific research at the forefront of astronomy
- Front-line technology
- Challenging and stimulating work
- A truly international and multicultural environment

Interested?

We are looking for enthusiastic and passionate people with an international mindset and a flexible approach.

In return, we offer exciting career opportunities for engineers, technicians, astronomers and scientists; as well as for support staff in various roles. All posts include attractive remuneration packages, rewards and benefits.

The Fellowship programme offers postdoctoral scientists the opportunity to carry out research and support ESO activities for periods of three and four years.

A Studentship programme for PhD students lasting one to two years is also available.



The La Silla Observatory.



Aerial view of the ESO Very Large Telescope (VLT) platform. Credit: J.L. Dauvergne & G. Hüdepohl/ESO



The Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA). Credit: ESO/B. Tafreshi (twanight.org)



Artist's impression of the European Extremely Large Telescope (E-ELT).

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