I can still learn

**MOOC**
Swiss ESA astronaut, Prof. Claude Nicollier, gives a Massive Open Online Course on “Space Mission Design and Operations”. This MOOC is open once a year in February for 8 weeks.

I can apply for

**ESA Young Graduate Trainee (YGT)**
More than 80 open positions in any professional domain published on the ESA Careers webpage in November every year.

**National Trainee Program (NTP)**
Restricted to Swiss citizens, published on the Swiss Space Center website in April.

**Network/Partnering Initiative (NPI)**
For PhDs on a space-related subject, initiated by research entities together with ESA.
The Swiss Space Center can help you with the paperwork for becoming a NPI.

I can study

**In Switzerland**
Look for dedicated lectures or ask around for projects at your school or register for the minor in Space Technologies at EPFL.

**In Europe**
Mainly in Italy, Germany and France and in cross-national programs such as:
- **ISU** International Space University
- **Joint European Master in Space Science and Technology.**

**In Summer Camps**
At ESA, in Norway, Austria, Russia, China and Switzerland.
The Swiss Space Center can help with the applications for the Summer Camps in Russia, China and Switzerland.

I can do business

**Call for Ideas**
An opportunity to carry out a small study on an innovative space idea.

**Business Incubation Centers (BIC)**
A support package to help start-ups develop their business related to space.

Business with ESA
Check the ESA EMITS platform, where all the ESA calls are published.
The Swiss Space Center gladly supports you in your endeavors.

I can find

**Jobs in the industry**
Many Swiss companies are active in the space sector, a non-exhaustive list can be found on the Swiss Space Center website.

**A job at ESA**
Jobs at ESA cover all professional areas: management, engineering, science, management support, administrative and technical services...

**ESA’s Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Programme (RFP)**
For young scientists and engineers to carry out research for two years in disciplines such as space science, space applications or space technology at one of ESA’s sites.

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**At ESA Academy**
- **Hands-on Space Projects** to participate in real space-related projects.
- **Training and Learning Programme**

**Bachelor/Master thesis**
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I want to be an astronaut!

Next European Astronaut Selection
Currently not open, but it’s never too early to start preparing!
Here are a few tips from ESA Astronaut and Prof. Claude Nicollier:

• Carry out activities that require careful preparation, concentration, and management of risks such as aviation with aerobatics and instrument flying qualification, deep sea diving, mountain climbing.

• Stay healthy and fit: run, play tennis, use your bike, but always stay safety conscious!

• Learn English, Russian and Chinese. Travel to countries where these languages are spoken and practice with locals.

• Learn as much as possible in a great variety of fields: technology, science, biology, physiology. Be good in your field, but never forget to acquire knowledge in other disciplines.

• Keep a positive and pleasant attitude in every situation. Stay calm and cool even when things go bad!

• Practice communication skills: give lectures, interviews, learn the art of skillful use of social networks without overdoing it!

If you want more details, check out our website. You can find the links to the different programs, inspiration for your own activities and projects, upcoming events and contact details to launch you space careers.

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