



Photo of the 2021 Space Grant winners

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## ESPACE 2022 Scholarships: Eutelsat Supports the Ailes de France Foundation for the Second Consecutive Year

Tuesday 16 February, the Fondation Ailes de France kicked off its SPACE Grants campaign in partnership with CNES and sponsored by satellite operator Eutelsat. The foundation's grants are awarded to young people up to 25 years old from diverse backgrounds looking to follow a career path in the space sector. Working under the aegis of the Fondation de France, the Fondation Ailes de France seeks to further learning and raise awareness of the aerospace sphere. To this end, it lends its support to educational,

scientific, cultural and sustainable development projects aimed in particular at young people.

For the second year running, the foundation's partnership with CNES and now funding support from Eutelsat to award SPACE Grants are a natural extension of its efforts to help bright young students by giving them the means to accomplish their higher education goals in domains related directly to the space sector. In the medium term, the programme has three objectives: to get young people interested in space, help them enter the employment market and nurture French talents in this sector.

This year the Fondation Ailes de France plans to award up to ten grants each worth €5,000. Four of these grants will be funded by CNES and four by Eutelsat, which will also sit on the selection panel to be convened in May. An official SPACE Grants award ceremony is planned in June.

Grant applications must be received no later than 15 April 2022.

**Learn more at:** <https://www.fondation-ailesdefrance.fr/bourses-espace/>

General Patrick Charaix, President of the Fondation Ailes de France, said: "Through these grants the Fondation Ailes de France is seeking to help build a bright future for the younger generations and the wider community of aviators. It will continue to pursue its actions through new partnerships and funding from future donations."

CNES Chairman & CEO Philippe Baptiste added: "Engaging young people to fire their interest in space is ingrained in the French space agency's DNA. It is with the new generations that we are building the sector's future. The values behind this project closely fit those of CNES and it is in our interest to be a key contributor to the Fondation Ailes de France's space efforts."

Eutelsat CEO Eva Berneke concluded: "We believe it is our responsibility to encourage young talents to join our sector, and that's why we've supported the Fondation Ailes de France since its inception. The renewal of our commitment to the foundation this year is an extension of our efforts to aid education and career opportunities for young people. For example, last year we also launched a specific recruitment campaign to hire young graduates and help them find their first job in a context marked by the COVID-19

pandemic.”

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## **About Eutelsat Communications**

Founded in 1977, Eutelsat Communications is one of the world's leading satellite operators. With a global fleet of satellites and associated ground infrastructure, Eutelsat enables clients across video, data, government, fixed and mobile broadband markets to communicate effectively to their customers, irrespective of their location. Around 7,000 television channels operated by leading media groups are broadcast by Eutelsat to an audience of more than one billion viewers equipped for DTH reception or connected to terrestrial networks. Committed to promoting all facets of sustainable development across its business activities, Eutelsat leverages its in-orbit resources to help bridge the digital divide while maintaining a safe and uncluttered space environment. Eutelsat is an attractive and socially responsible employer with 1,200 people from 50 countries dedicated to delivering the highest quality of service. Eutelsat Communications is listed on the Euronext Paris Stock Exchange (ticker: ETL).

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## **A propos du CNES**

Le CNES (Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales) est l'établissement public chargé de proposer au Gouvernement la politique spatiale française et de la mettre en œuvre au sein de l'Europe. Il conçoit et met en orbite des satellites et invente les systèmes spatiaux de demain ; il favorise l'émergence de nouveaux services, utiles au quotidien. Le CNES, créé en 1961, est à l'origine de grands projets spatiaux, lanceurs et satellites et est l'interlocuteur naturel de l'industrie pour pousser l'innovation. Le CNES compte près de 2 400 collaborateurs, femmes et hommes passionnés par cet espace qui ouvre des champs d'application infinis, innovants et intervient sur cinq domaines d'intervention : Ariane, les sciences, l'observation, les télécommunications, la défense. Le CNES est un acteur majeur de l'innovation technologique, du développement économique et de la politique industrielle de la France. Il noue également des partenariats scientifiques et est engagé dans de nombreuses coopérations internationales. La France, représentée par le

CNES, est l'un des principaux contributeurs de l'Agence spatiale européenne (ESA).

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## À propos de la Fondation Ailes de France

La Fondation Ailes de France a été créée sous l'impulsion de l'Armée de l'Air et de l'Espace afin de développer son engagement auprès des jeunes et de créer des ponts avec le monde civil et partager ses valeurs. Six leaders de l'industrie aéronautique : Airbus, Air France, Dassault Aviation, Groupe ADP, Safran, Thalès et celui de l'association, Les Ailes Brisées, en sont les membres fondateurs.

La Fondation a pour mission :

- D'aider des jeunes à construire leur avenir à travers l'esprit et les valeurs portés par l'Armée de l'Air et de l'Espace.
- De soutenir des besoins de recherche et d'innovation avec le monde des écoles, socioéconomique et industriel.
- De valoriser les savoir-faire, la mémoire et le riche patrimoine aéronautique et spatial.

Pour en savoir plus sur la Fondation Ailes de France, consultez [www.fondation-ailesdefrance.fr](http://www.fondation-ailesdefrance.fr)

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