3.2 Job Posting for Researcher at **TSP**.

esa BUSINESS INCUBATION CENTRE Estonia

Tartu Science Park

Eligible sending organisations •

AUTH, JSI, ULUS

Role title •

Researcher in Space Technology

Environment •

During your funded secondment at the ESA BIC Estonia SpaceTech Incubator**, you'll join an innovation ecosystem** working at the intersection of academia, industry, and public stakeholders. You'll **connect with companies**, gain insights applicable to your research and collaborate within a dynamic ecosystem with real-world impact alongside the SpaceTech Incubator's team.

The science park focuses on developing science- and technology-intensive businesses in space technology. Here you can look at ESA BIC Estonia alumni and incubatee companies.

You can learn more about Estonia's start-up ecosystem here.

What you will work on •

Depending on the specific interests of the researcher, you may be exposed to:

- Mentoring companies in the researcher's field of expertise.
- Possibility to organise training/workshop for companies in the researcher's field of expertise.
- Scouting Companies for space tech incubation programme.
- Assisting with procurement.
- Cooperation projects, proposal writing together.

What you will gain •

- **Practical experience in innovation support and knowledge valorisation**, particularly in the space sector (e.g., identifying exploitable results, shaping valorisation pathways, basic TRL/CRL thinking).
- **Direct exposure to start-up incubation** and collaboration between research, industry and innovation actors.

- How does space tech incubation work.
- What are the key learnings while working with large international agencies.
- **Hands-on experience supporting innovation activities**, including how research results are communicated and connected to stakeholders.
- A practical view of venture creation fundamentals (from idea to value proposition and market fit).
- **Stronger skills** in cross-sector collaboration (academia-industry matchmaking, stakeholder engagement, and understanding the funding landscape).
- Be part of the organisation of the **sTARTUPDay 2027** **business festival on 17-19th of Aug 2027** as a TSP team member.
- Trainings and bootcamps organised by TSP for start-ups.

Desired profile

- **Interest** in innovation support (technical support roles).
- Business Development skills.
- Comfort **working with teams and stakeholders**.
- Motivation to learn in a cross-sector environment.
- Background related to AI/robotics/engineering.

Duration & Flexibility

3 months between May and November 2027

Can be split into separate stays **of at least 6 weeks each** (e.g. 2 x 6-8 weeks) upon agreement, for example, from the 1st of May until June and then from August until Sept 2027.

July is the typical vacation period in Estonia.