

Fellowship Programme for "Drop Tower Experiment Series (DropTES)"





The goal of the **Access to Space 4 All Initiative** is to provide research and orbital opportunities for UN Member States to access space and to ensure that the benefits of space, in particular for sustainable development, are truly accessible to all





Why Access to Space for All?



Hands-on Capacity from A-Z Responsible & Sustainable Way



Fosters international cooperation



Social Impact: To your country, region and young generations



Provides cutting edge skills for jobs and other opportunities





AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY **9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE DECENT WORK AND Economic growth 8 The BIG 13 CLIMATE ACTION 14 LIFE BELOW WATER 15 LIFE ON LAND **Picture**



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development <u>https://sdgs.un.org/2030agenda</u> To learn more about the SDGs go to https://sdgs.un.org/goals **UNOOSA SDGs page**

https://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/space4sdgs/index.html











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Target

By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship

Indicators 🔺

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Proportion of youth and adults with information and communications technology (ICT) skills, by type of skill







*All photos from Past-winners of the Initiative





UNITED NATIONS Office for Outer Space Affairs



What is DropTES?

- A fellowship programme between United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), ZARM (Center of Applied Science Technology and Microgravity) and DLR (German Aerospace Center) which started from 2014, implemented under the Access to Space for All Initiative.
- Aims to provide educational or research institutions with opportunities to conduct a series of microgravity experiments at the Bremen Drop Tower in Germany.
- The drop tower experiment series consists of <u>5 drops or catapult launches</u> to be conducted within one week. Each experiment series is accompanied by an on-site experiment integrations taking place one week prior to the campaign.



Why DropTES?

- The Bremen Drop Tower is one of the tallest drop towers in Europe and the experiment duration has been <u>extended to 9.3 seconds</u> which is unmatched by any other drop facility worldwide.
- Testing in a microgravity environment represents an <u>achievable entry point</u> to acquire new knowledge and conduct various tests in many different research fields such as astrophysics, biology, chemistry, combustion, fluid dynamics, fundamental physics, and material sciences.
- The Space Administration section of DLR will bear the cost to conduct the series of experiments. ZARM will provide technical support during the campaign along with on-site apartment for student accommodation. UNOOSA will provide financial support for the travel of the selected team.





DropTES for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

DropTES may contribute to the SDGs below by fostering innovation and supporting education and training on skillsets for developing cutting-edge technology.

SDG4 "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all";

SDG 9 "Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation









Previous Winners

	Winner	Objective
1 st round 2014	German Jordanian University JORDAN	to investigate the stability of tether dynamics for satellites with electromagnetic tether systems using a Tilger, a mass damper
2 nd round 2015	Universidad Católica Boliviana "San Pablo" BOLIVIA	to examine and evaluate the property of an alloy of Nickel and Titanium "Nitinol" under the microgravity environment
3 rd round 2016	Instituto Tecnólogico de Costa Rica Universidad de Costa Rica COSTA RICA	to expand the technical knowledge and information on the behaviour of a reduced-scale robotic arm manipulator such as dynamics, motion, and control under microgravity conditions
4 th round 2017	Warsaw University of Technology POLAND	to verify, in vacuum and microgravity conditions, the deployment of the deorbit sail system on their two unit CubeSat called "PW- Sat2"
5 th round 2018	University of Bucharest Politehnica University of Bucharest ROMANIA	to expose medicine droplets containing aqueous chlorpromazine (CPZ) solution to both laser radiation and microgravity conditions
6 th round 2019	Politecnico de Milano (Polimi) ITALY	to analyze the lateral sloshing of a ferrofluid solution in low- gravity with the aim of measuring its oscillation frequency while subjected to different magnetic field intensities.
7 th round 2020 *experimen ts delayed to 2021	Universidad Católica Boliviana "San Pablo" BOLIVIA	to determine the 3D printing feasibility under microgravity conditions, measure intra-structure remaining liquid resin after light exposure and compare manufacturing time, amount of used material, while processing the same piece between 2 different approaches (Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM) and Digital Light Processing (DLP))

THANK YOU!

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