

The Max Planck Society's Earth and Solar system Research Partnership ([ESRP](#)), comprising the **Max Planck Institutes (MPIs) for [Biogeochemistry](#) (Jena), [Chemistry](#) (Mainz), [Meteorology](#) (Hamburg), and [Solar System Research](#) (Göttingen)**, offers

Opportunities in Earth and Solar System Research

for **independent early-career scientists**. MPIs offer a richly stimulating intellectual environment and powerful infrastructure and facilities. All four institutes of the ESRP would be delighted to host independent research groups funded through the Max Planck Society, the European Research Council (ERC), the German Research Foundation (DFG), or any other organization.

We are interested in hosting group leaders who through their success in one of these funding schemes have demonstrated exceptional scientific merit and intellectual independence; novelty for the hosting MPI would be a powerful and in some schemes essential asset.

Possible funding schemes are:

- [Max Planck Research Group](#) – funded centrally by the Max Planck Society and hosted by one MPI. Funding is for five years, with two two-year extensions possible. Calls are expected to be issued annually; the next call will be announced in September 2019. Applications are expected from researchers usually no more than seven years past their PhD.
- [ERC Starting Grant](#) – funded annually for five years by the ERC and hosted by an MPI. The next deadline is 16 October 2019. Applicants should be from two to seven years past their PhD, with some exceptions possible.
- [Emmy Noether Programme](#) – funded for six years by the DFG and hosted by an MPI. Applications are received continuously. Applicants should be no more than four years past their PhD.

This offer of opportunities extends indefinitely and is not limited to the 2019 funding round. If you are interested in conducting your independent research at one of the MPIs of the ESRP, you are encouraged to approach one of their directors and discuss options. For most funding schemes, such contact is mandatory prior to submitting an application.

The Max Planck Society is committed to increasing the number of individuals with disabilities in its workforce and therefore encourages applications from such qualified individuals. Furthermore, the Max Planck Society seeks to increase the number of women in those areas where they are underrepresented and therefore explicitly encourages women to apply.