Dear Sir or Madam,

The European Space Agency (ESA), in collaboration with the Swedish National Space Board (SNSB) and the German Aerospace Center (DLR), is currently accepting proposals for the seventh edition of the REXUS/BEXUS programme (Rocket and Balloon EXperiments for University Students)\*.

The REXUS/BEXUS programme offers flight opportunities on sounding rockets and stratospheric balloons for experimental payloads designed and developed by university students. The balloons and rockets will be launched from Esrange in Kiruna, Sweden, in autumn 2014 and spring 2015, respectively.

The students, assisted by a project supervisor, are invited to propose, design, implement and fly their own experiment. Typical experiment disciplines include upper atmosphere and reduced gravity research, radiation analysis and technology demonstration. The participation in this project is a valuable experience, where students can take part in a space-related project throughout all its stages - from the first idea to the post-flight analysis.

Please refer to the programme homepage for further information regarding the research platforms, programme timelines and the application procedure: <http://www.rexusbexus.net>. Alternatively, you may visit the ESA hands-on projects portal via the ESA Education website: <http://www.esa.int/Education>.

The call for experiment proposals will close on **Monday, 21 October 2013**.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries and to spread the word about this exciting opportunity amongst your student/professor community.

We look forward to receiving many exciting experiment proposals.

Sincerely yours,

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Head of the ESA Education Office Tertiary Education Unit

\* The REXUS/BEXUS programme is realized under a bilateral Agency Agreement between the German Aerospace Center (DLR) and the Swedish National Space Board (SNSB). Through the collaboration with the European Space Agency (ESA), the Swedish share has been made available to students from all ESA Member or Cooperating States.
EuroLaunch, the cooperation between the Esrange Space Center of SSC and the Mobile Rocket Base (MORABA) of DLR, is responsible for the campaign management and operations of the launch vehicles. Experts from DLR, SSC, ZARM, and ESA provide technical and logistic support to the student teams throughout the project.