



**UNITED NATIONS**  
**Office for Outer Space Affairs**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Announcement of Opportunity**

**United Nations Human Space Technology Initiative (UN-HSTI)  
Fellowship Programme "Drop Tower Experiment Series (DropTES)"**

**Applications for 2017**

I am pleased to inform you that the application period for the 2017 round of the Fellowship Programme "Drop Tower Experiment Series (DropTES)" is now open. DropTES was established in 2014 by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs under the framework of the Human Space Technology Initiative (HSTI) of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications in close cooperation with the Center of Applied Space Technology and Microgravity (ZARM) and the German Aerospace Center (DLR)/Space Administration.

The DropTES Fellowship Programme is aimed at contributing to the promotion of space education and research in microgravity around the world, particularly for the enhancement of relevant capacity-building activities in developing countries. The United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs offers one selected research team the opportunity to conduct its own microgravity experiment series at the Bremen Drop Tower consisting of four drops or catapult launches to be conducted within one week.

On behalf of the United Nations, it is my pleasure to extend this invitation, through you, to your Government to nominate highly qualified individuals to submit an application. I would highly appreciate it if you would promptly transmit this information to the appropriate governmental, academic, research, and other relevant institutions or organizations in your country.

All further information about DropTES, including the application requirements and the application forms, are available electronically from our website at <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/ourwork/psa/hsti/capacity-building/droptes.html>. To be considered in the selection process, the completed application form must be received at the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs by no later than 31 March 2017.

Thank you very much for your assistance and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief, Space Applications Section

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