



Physics Digest

News, info, and updates for Ph.D. students in Physics at UW–Madison

April 2nd, 2021

Announcements

Summer and Fall 2021 Enrollment

Summer 2021 enrollment will begin on April 5th and Fall 2021 enrollment will begin on April 12th. If you need to enroll in Physics 990, please review the instructions for adding by course number and the Physics 990 course numbers for Summer 2021 [here](#) and Fall 2021 [here](#). The Graduate School maintains a policy page on minimum enrollment requirements. For questions, contact [Jackson Kennedy](#).

COVID-19 Vaccination Updates

The following email details vaccination eligibility and FAQs, testing site changes, and travel updates.

2020-2021 Department of Physics Student Awards

Deadline: April 18th, 2021

Every year the department offers a variety of awards and scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students. To apply for awards, students must use WiSH - Wisconsin Scholarship Hub - in their [student center](#) and submit a statement of purpose and letter of support from a mentor. Awards typically range from \$250-\$5,000 and the list of awards can be found [here](#).

WISL Award for Communicating Ph.D. Research to the Public

The Wisconsin Initiative for Science Literacy (WISL) offers financial support to encourage Ph.D. students to include a chapter in their thesis describing their research to non-scholarly audiences. WISL offers the assistance of an editor to help you hone your chapter and an award of \$250 for each chapter completed. For further information, contact [Professor Bassam Z. Shakhashiri](#).

Spring 2021 Graduates: Complete These Steps

If you are graduating this Spring, you need to [apply to graduate via MyUW](#) by Friday, April 9 in order to have your name printed in the commencement program. Check the [University Book Store's graduation timeline](#) for information regarding securing a cap and gown for the ceremony. For information regarding financial assistance for your gown rental and other commencement details, visit the [commencement website](#).

Spring 2021 Drop Deadline Extension

The class drop deadline without dean's approval for Spring 2021 has been extended from Friday, March 26, 2021 to Friday, April 16, 2021. This change will be reflected both on the [Office of the Registrar website](#) and the [Course Search & Enroll website](#).

Thesis Defenses

Stellarator Beta Limits with Extended MHD Modeling Using NIMROD

Date: April 14th, 2021; 1:00 PM CST

Torrin Bechtel (Chris Hegna, Faculty Advisor), Physics PhD Graduate Student, will defend their thesis.

Overlapping Aluminum-Gate Quantum Dots for Valley-Orbit Based Qubits in Si/SiGe

Date: April 14th, 2021; 4:00 PM CST

JP Dodson (Mark Eriksson, Faculty Advisor), Physics PhD Graduate Student, will defend their thesis.

Explorations of the Heterostructure, Fabrication, And Measurement of Si/SiGe Quantum Dots for Quantum Computation

Date: April 27th, 2021; 9:00 AM CST

Thomas McJunkin (Mark Eriksson, Faculty Advisor), Physics PhD Graduate Student, will defend their thesis.

Upcoming Events

Department of Physics Event Calendar

See the departmental events calendar to be sure you don't miss any of the upcoming seminars, workshops, or journal clubs, workshops!

Student Affairs: Campus Happenings

See the UW Student Affairs news website and scroll to the "current happenings" listing each week.

Professional Development

From Active Qubit Reset to Quantum Error Correction Workshop

Date: April 7th, 2021; 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM CST

The Chicago Quantum Exchange will be hosting a workshop on revisiting ground-breaking quantum computing experiments using new control paradigms and a standard programming language. Fine more information [here](#) and register [here](#).

Non-Faculty Academic Careers Panel

Date: April 7th, 2021; 12:00 - 1:30 PM CST

Learn about the many careers available in academia beyond the traditional tenure track. Panelists will answer questions, and share what their interview process was like, how they utilize their graduate training in their current positions, and more. Register [here](#).

Mastering Academic Time Management

Date: April 8th, 2021; 1:00 - 2:00 PM CST

This National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD) webinar is designed to address key issues and challenges that new faculty members commonly describe and concrete skills for successfully transitioning from graduate student to professor. Activate your free (UW-Madison) membership or sign in to watch these NCFDD webinars [here](#).

AAPS Workshop: Communicating in Science

Date: April 12th - 26th, 2021

Dr. Bassam Shakhshiri will host two, two hour sessions which will be interactive and require you to participate in discussions about topics in various forms of science communication and in short oral presentations about your current research. Read a detailed description [here](#) and complete the following [poll](#) to register.

Becoming an Anti-Racist Educator

Date: April 13th, 20th, & 27th, 2021; 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Join the UW-Madison Delta Program to discuss and crowd-source possible solutions to the challenges of bringing anti-racist teaching into a STEM community and classroom in this three-session workshop.

Quantum Ideas Virtual Summer School

Deadline: April 15th, 2021

Software-Tailored Architectures for Quantum Codesign (STAQ) at Duke University is hosting an online summer school in the field quantum computing. The summer school will be held from June 7-11, 2021 and student support is funded by NSF. [Registration is required](#).

Morgridge Entrepreneurial Bootcamp for Grad Students

Deadline: May 13th, 2021

The Morgridge Entrepreneurial Bootcamp for graduate students will be online for 2021. During the weeks of June 7-11 and June 14-18, students will have the opportunity to participate in a daily session from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. that will include case analyses, lectures, and class exercises for which there will be readings, class assignments and lively interaction with instructors and classmates. [Sign up here to apply](#).

Dissertation Writing Camp

Date: May 24-28, 2021

Make significant progress on your dissertations by drafting a substantial amount of writing in a structured, collegial virtual environment. Applications are due by Friday, April 9, 2021 and require an advisor endorsement. Visit the [Graduate School Dissertation Help website](#) to apply.

Summer Computational Physics Program: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Date: June 23rd - July 16th, 2021

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute will be hosting a boot camp and summer school on computational physics with particular emphasis on applications that require high performance computing. This program will be held entirely online and is open to advanced undergraduates and all levels of graduate students. you can apply for the program [here](#).
