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# Physics Digest

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

July 2nd, 2021

## Announcements

### Summer AMP Library Hours

The Astronomy, Mathematics, and Physics Library inside Chamberlin Hall is reopening this summer on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 AM to 2 PM. The library plans to extend to daily weekday hours in August and the Fall schedule will be shared later this Summer.

### Prepare Now! Payroll Schedule Change Coming in July

UW System employees, including graduate students, who are paid monthly will move to a biweekly payroll schedule beginning in July 2021. Visit the [Single Payroll resources web page](#) for frequently asked questions, budget planning information and [updated 2021 payroll schedules](#). Additional resources include [pay date models](#), [guides on updating contributions and withholdings](#), and a [paycheck estimator](#).

If you have automatic payments set up (for example, rent, car loan, utilities, etc.), review your monthly budget and prepare for biweekly paychecks. You may want to adjust your automatic payments to match your biweekly paycheck amounts. The UW System is partnering with UW Credit Union for a [Savings & Spending Plan Workshop](#) on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 5 PM CST. Finally, the UW System hosted and recorded single payroll virtual town hall meetings, which can be accessed [here](#).

### University Health Services (UHS) Summer Offerings

As enrolled students on campus this summer, all students are eligible to utilize services provided by UHS. This summer UHS will be offering [group counseling](#) with 4 groups emphasizing the graduate student experience: the Graduate Student Support Group, Graduate Women Support Group, Graduate Students of Color Group, and Dissertator Support Group. UHS is also offering a Grad Resilience series, which are 1-hour lunch discussions for graduate students on Tuesdays at noon CST. Sign up for this series [here](#).

### COVID-19 Vaccination & Campus Operations Update

The Office of the Chancellor sent out an update concerning [what to expect this fall](#) in the university response to COVID-19. As a reminder, University Health Services (UHS) has COVID-19 vaccine appointments available for employees and students. UHS is also now able to offer vaccines to anyone who lives, works or studies in Wisconsin, including friends and family of UW–Madison students and employees. For more information and to schedule a vaccine appointment, click [here](#).

### **Fall 2021 Enrollment Happening Now!**

[Fall 2021 enrollment began 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 Fall 2021 [here](#). The Graduate School maintains a policy page on [minimum enrollment requirements](#). For questions, contact [Jackson Kennedy](#).

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## **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.

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## **Professional Development**

### **Chicago Quantum Exchange Summer Workshop Series**

*Date: July 8, July 22, August 19; 12 – 1 PM CT*

The Chicago Quantum Exchange, NSF QLCI on Hybrid Quantum Architectures and Networks (HQAN), and Q-NEXT are pleased to invite our members and partners to our joint Summer Workshop Series: a virtual series on different perspectives on quantum technology commercialization and career pathways. The workshops will be held on Thursdays July 8, July 22, and August 19 at 12pm CST, with optional networking afterward. Please click [here](#) to register.

### **UW-Madison Teaching Academy: 2021 TA-LEaP**

*Date: August 25th-26th, 2021*

LEaP into teaching! Learn the basics of how we learn along with the 7 things UW-Madison students want most from their instructors! Explore the basics of syllabus, assignment and rubric design. Discuss assessment and learn the most common mistakes instructors make on exams, and how to avoid them! Learn simple active learning techniques that you can apply in your classroom immediately and start developing materials for your own course while you learn! Become part of a community of practice with colleagues in all disciplines and get connected to other teaching and learning programs across the campus through the Teaching and Learning Collaborative.

### **Rising Stars Symposia**

*Date: September 2021*

The University of Chicago invites applications for its 2021 Rising Stars Symposia, which will recognize the achievements of early career researchers working in the fields of Soft and Biological Materials, Quantum Science and Technology, and Experimental Particle Physics. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

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## **Employment Opportunities**

### **CNM: Postdoctoral Appointee**

The Center for Nanoscale Materials (CNM) is seeking a postdoctoral researcher for the Dissipation-aided Microwave-Optical Entanglement program. The program aims to develop a high-frequency superconducting piezo-optomechanical system combined with dissipation engineering technique to generate highly entangled microwave-optical photons. For more information and apply, click [here](#) and search for requisition number 410139. For questions, contact [Dr. Xu Han](#).

### **Q-Next Quantum Information Science Postdoctoral Appointees**

The [Q-NEXT Center](#) will be hosting quantum information science postdoctoral openings with start dates in 2021. The postdoctoral scholars will have the opportunity to work at Argonne National Laboratory on projects of strategic national importance in quantum information science. For questions contact [Martin Suchara](#) and to apply, visit [here](#).

### **Chicago Prize Postdoctoral Fellowship in Theoretical Quantum Science, UChicago**

*Deadline: July 15th, 2021*

Fellowships are awarded for a duration of two years to outstanding young scientists and engineers, with the possibility of a third-year support. Please submit your application [here](#).

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## **Useful Links**

[Dates and Deadlines from the Office of the Registrar](#)

[Warrant Request Form](#)

[Graduate School Degree Deadlines](#)

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