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# Physics Digest

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

March 12th, 2021

## Announcements

### Roommate Wanted: Fall 2021-Spring 2022

Seeking a roommate for a furnished 2+1 Apartment in Eagle Heights located in the 100s for the Fall 2021-Spring 2022 academic year. The rent of the apartment is around \$600 with approximately \$20 bills per person. For inquires contact [Utku Saglam](#).

### Mordridge Entrepreneurial Bootcamp for Grad Students

*Deadline: May 13, 2021*

The Mordridge Entrepreneurial Bootcamp for graduate students will be online for 2021. They will be providing a mini MEB-Virtual version over a two-week time frame. During the weeks of June 7-11 and June 14-18, students 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.

### Catalysts for Science Policy Discussion

*Date: March 15th, 2021; 5:00-6:00 PM CST (Online)*

Catalysts for Science Policy (CaSP) will be hosting a discussion highlighting takeaways from the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) 2021 Annual Meeting on Monday, March 15 from 5 to 6 PM. They will have breakout rooms focused on different themes from the conference including science policy; science communication, outreach, and advocacy; science diplomacy; and awesome research! [Register here](#) to attend.

### Summer Computational Physics Program: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

*Date: June 23rd-July 16th, 2021 (Online)*

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 on-line and is open to advanced undergraduates and all levels of graduate students. you can apply for the program [here](#).

**Effort to diversify QISE: participants needed**

Chicago Quantum Exchange, calling for an open, inclusive, and representative community in quantum science and engineering. If you are interested to join the planning group, [sign up here](#) to help build the fellowship or receive updates.

#### **Research Inspired Art Competition w/ Delta Beer Lab**

*Deadline: March 16th, 2021*

The winning design submission will be featured on a new special edition beer label this spring. You can email you questions [here](#).

#### **COVID-19 Stress and Coping Skills**

Feeling fatigued as we approach 1 year of the pandemic? Check out this website for useful resources related to the ongoing stress associated with the pandemic.

#### **2021 Mental Health & Wellbeing Summit for UW students**

Join the 2021 Mental Health & Wellbeing Summit, a series of workshops and activities for UW–Madison students to take a break and care for their mental and physical health.

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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.

#### **APS March Meeting Job Expo**

*Date: March 16th-18th, 2021*

You do not need to be registered for the March Meeting and participation is FREE for job seekers! Registering for this event does not give you access to the March Meeting. If you wish to attend the scientific sessions, register separately for the meeting on the [website](#).

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### **Professional Development**

The following items are event highlights from the UW-Madison Graduate School Office of Professional Development:

#### **Graduate Group: Virtual Coworking Space (Virtual Coffee Shop)**

*Date: Thursdays; 4:00–5:00 PM CST (Online)*

Work alongside other grad students from across campus in this virtual coffee shop experience.

#### **Unlocking the Power of Public Speaking**

*Date: March 16th, 2021; 1:00–2:00 PM CST (Online)*

Would you like to be more comfortable and effective when speaking in front of an audience?

### **Working Effectively in Teams (2-part series)**

Learn how our identities and social styles impact team dynamics, how to avoid common pitfalls that hinder effective teamwork, understand positive and negative conflict, learn basic techniques to navigate difficult situations, and more. Presented by Shalini Nag, PhD.

[Session 1: Fundamentals of Team Dynamics](#)

*Date: March 22nd, 2021; 3:00–5:00 PM CST (Online)*

[Session 2: From Conflict to Collaboration in Teams](#)

*Date: March 29th, 2021; 3:00–5:00 PM CST (Online)*

### **Creating an Individual Development Plan (IDP)**

*Date: March 25th, 2021; 4:00–5:30 PM CST (Online)*

Creating an IDP encourages you to think about what you need to do next so that you achieve your goals. Learn to define achievable goals, identify resources, and develop strategies for implementing and sustaining your plans.

### **How Every Graduate Student Can Promote Social Change**

*Date: March 31th, 2021; 2:00–3:30 PM CST (Online)*

Workshop attendees will be introduced to a framework that includes activism, organizing, and community-engaged teaching and research, and will leave the event with a more complete understanding of community engagement and a plan to promote social change in their communities.

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## **Employment Opportunities**

### **Visiting Assistant Professor of Physics in Northampton, MA for Smith College**

*Deadline: March 15th, 2021*

Submit [application](#) with a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a teaching statement, a research statement, a diversity/inclusion statement, and three confidential letters of recommendation

### **Zurich Instruments internship opportunities**

*Date: Summer 2021*

We are happy to share that Zurich Instruments will be offering two internship opportunities exclusively for [CQE students](#) starting summer 2021. You can contact [Maja Lang](#) for more information.

### **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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## **Funding Opportunities**

**The Office of Science Graduate Student Research (SCGSR)**

*Deadline: May 5th, 2021*

The SCGSR program supports supplemental awards to outstanding U.S. graduate students to conduct part of their graduate thesis research at a DOE national laboratory/facility.

**Spring 2021 Student Research Grant Competition awards**

*Deadline: June 30th, 2021*

Funding for these awards generously comes from the Vilas Trust. Award levels are \$1,200 to \$1,500 for Research Travel and \$1,200 for Conference Presentation funds. Please apply [here](#).

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