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Physics Digest

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

October 29th, 2021

Announcements

Fill out EGARS for Spring 2022!

Deadline: November 1st, 2021

All continuing PhD students must complete EGARS to let the Department of Physics know their plans for support for Spring 2022. If you are not sure whether you will be RA or TA in the fall, please put “TA”. Click here to access [EGARS](#). Contact [Jim Reardon](#) for any questions.

Update Bios on Physics Website

Students can now provide/update their own bio on the department website. To do so, visit <https://www.physics.wisc.edu/internal/update-my-directory-entry/> (you should be prompted to log in with your netID if you are not logged in already). When filling out your bio, please remember it is the department’s university-affiliated website, not a personal website. You certainly can share some personal things that are appropriate if you want, but please use discretion. We will work with Kevin Black and Mark Eriksson to set clear content policies if grey areas come up. Send any questions to [Sarah Perdue](#).

Winter 2021 Commencement Checklist and ATG Deadline

Winter 2021 Commencement will take place on Sunday, December 19th at 10 AM at the Kohl Center. If you are graduating this semester and are interested in attending, please review the [graduation checklist](#) and the [commencement website](#). The deadline to [apply to graduate](#) in your MyUW Student Center is Friday, November 5th.

Apply Now for Dissertation Writing Camp

Deadline: November 5th, 2021

Supported by the Graduate School and facilitated by Writing Center senior staff, the January 2022 (January 3rd - 7th) Dissertation Writing Camp offers an opportunity for dissertators to make significant progress on their dissertations by drafting a substantial amount of writing in a structured, collegial virtual environment. Applications are due by Friday, November 5, 2021 and require an advisor endorsement. Click [here](#) for more information and contact [Eileen Callahan](#) with any questions.

Memberships Available: UW-Madison APS Chapter

The [American Physical Society](#) (APS) has approved UW-Madison for an APS Chapter, which is a new program for graduate students and early career scientists (defined as having received their PhD within the past five years). There are no fees or responsibilities required to be a member of the chapter and the chapter can request speakers from the APS and will receive a small grant every 6 months. In addition, chapter members who are also APS members may have the opportunity to apply for certain travel grants. More information on the program can be found [here](#). The chapter will be holding officer elections beginning October 11th and you can sign up to be a member [here](#). For more information, contact [Luca Riitano](#).

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!

Student Affairs: Campus Happenings

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

Student Employee Diversity Forum Series

Date: November 18th - 22nd, 2021

The University of Wisconsin-Madison will be hosting a series of virtual sessions for student employees on topics ranging from self care to equity in the workplace. More information on individual sessions can be found [here](#).

Professional Development

QED-C Student Research ePoster Sessions

The Quantum Economic Development Consortium hosts monthly Student Research ePoster Sessions in which students present on their research in quantum computing to a diverse audience of researchers, employers, students, and QED-C community members. Presentations last 10 minutes followed by a 5-minute Q&A session. This is a fantastic opportunity to expand on your presentation skills and to display your prowess in the field of quantum computing. If you are interested in participating, contact [Jackson Kennedy](#).

Secrets to Writing A Federal Resume

Date: November 2nd, 2021; 1 PM

Have you ever gone to USAJobs and felt overwhelmed when an agency asks you to use the Resume Builder? Do you know what KSAs are? Would you like to have a better sense of what OPM (aka federal HR) expects your resume to look like? Then join us for this annual workshop led by Certified Federal Career Coach, Marie Koko of the La Follette School of Public Affairs at the University of Wisconsin - Madison and leave feeling more confident in your ability to get that federal job or internship! Click [here](#) to register.

Oak Ridge Institute Open House

Date: November 3rd, 2021; 11 AM - 2 PM

The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education is hosting a virtual career fair to highlight the variety of paid internships, fellowships, and research opportunities available within their Research Participation Program across the following agencies - the Department of Energy, the Department of Homeland Security, the National Institutes of Health, and the National Science Foundation. Click [here](#) to learn more and [here](#) to register.

Networking: The What, The Why, The How

Date: November 3rd, 2021; 12 - 1 PM

In this workshop you'll learn what networking is really about, who is currently in your network, why it matters, and how you can start engaging and adding to your network now. Click [here](#) to register.

2021 Chicago Quantum Summit

Date: November 4th, 2021

You are invited to join leading experts from industry, government, and academia on November 4 for the 2021 Chicago Quantum Summit, a daylong program of presentations and discussions focusing on growing quantum ecosystems, commercializing research, and considering complex issues such as workforce development and inclusion — on both local and global scales. This event will be both virtual and in-person. Click [here](#) for more information and click here to register.

5 Steps to Take Now and Improve Your Online Professional Profile

Date: November 4th, 2021; 11 AM

In this Aurora webinar, L. Maren Wood, PhD, will share with you 5 action steps you can take today to build a LinkedIn profile that will get you noticed and connected by professionals in career fields of interest. Click [here](#) to register.

Navigating USAJobs

Date: November 4th, 2021; 1 PM

Join Certified Federal Career Coach, Marie Koko of the La Follette School of Public Affairs to learn the tips and tricks of navigating USAJobs to find the federal jobs and internships YOU are looking for. Click [here](#) to register.

Delta Program: Inclusive Teaching Workshop

Date: November 5th, 2021; 9 AM - 12 PM

Examine a range of inclusive teaching approaches to use in the classroom and beyond, and practice what to say during "hot moments" or difficult discussions. Click [here](#) to register.

Government Virtual Job Fair

Date: November 5th, 2021; 1 PM - 4 PM

Students and alumni from all universities and colleges, seeking public service careers, are invited to participate and meet with recruiters from a range of government areas, including city, county, state and federal. Please be sure to register early for the available group and one to one sessions with recruiters. Be aware that MOST of the employers at this fair will require CITIZENSHIP for their opportunities. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Creating an Individual Development Plan (IDP)

Date: November 9th, 2021; 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

Fall is the perfect opportunity to take some time to think about what you need to do next—and over the next few years—so that you achieve your goals. We will discuss how to write achievable goals, identify resources, and develop strategies for implementing and sustaining your plans. Click [here](#) to register.

Delta Program: Understanding Levers of Change in Academia

Date: November 10th and November 24th, 2021

Enacting change in big, complex institutions is a daunting task — especially for grad students, postdocs, and early career faculty — and knowing the levers of power on your own campus is an essential first step. In this two-part workshop, participants will do a deep dive into the structural aspects of change (regimented processes, deadlines, and rules) and the social components of power in higher education (key stakeholders, institutional culture, and unspoken norms). Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

How to Answer: "What Can I Do With My PhD?"

Date: November 11th, 2021; 11 AM

A PhD can set you up for an academic career, but what else can you do with your PhD? In this Aurora webinar, L. Maren Wood, PhD, will talk about what employers value about your graduate education and training, and how to identify career opportunities where you'll thrive. Click [here](#) to register.

Overcoming by Understanding Academic Writer's Block

Date: November 30th, 2021 1 - 2:30 PM

Facilitator Aurora Chang, PhD, will focus on the stories we tell ourselves about who we are as academic writers and how that narration impacts our perceived ability to write. She'll offer simple, practical ways to overcome academic writing blocks when they hit. Click [here](#) to register.

Employment and Funding Opportunities

Harvard Quantum Initiative Postdoctoral Fellowship

Deadline: November 1st, 2021

The [Harvard Quantum Initiative in Science and Engineering](#) (HQI) is a community of researchers with an intense interest in advancing the science and engineering of quantum systems and their applications. Our mission is to help scientists and engineers explore new ways to transform quantum theory into useful systems and devices. The HQI is now accepting nominations for the 2022-2024 cohort of HQI Postdoctoral Fellows. Click [here](#) to apply and send all questions to [Ann Quaicoe](#) or [David Demille](#).

Chicago Quantum Exchange: Postdoctoral Fellowship in Theoretical Quantum Science

Deadline: November 11th, 2021

The Chicago Quantum Exchange (CQE), Computer Science Department (CS) and Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering (PME) at the University of Chicago are seeking exceptional candidates for the Chicago Prize Postdoctoral Fellowship in Theoretical Quantum Science. Chicago Prize Postdoctoral Fellows will have the opportunity to interact with physicists and computer scientists at the University of Chicago. Fellowships are awarded for a duration of two years to outstanding young scientists and engineers, with the possibility of a third year of support. Applicants should have a strong research background in their area of interest. Successful candidates are encouraged to collaborate with members of the broad experimental quantum information program at the University of Chicago. Applications focused on

collaborative and cross-disciplinary research are especially encouraged. Click [here](#) to apply and send all questions to [Aashish Clerk](#).

Rockefeller University: Postdoctoral Positions

Deadline: November 15th, 2021

The Center for Studies in Physics and Biology at The Rockefeller University expects to have a small number of postdoctoral fellowships available for appointments in September 2022. They are seeking theoretical physicists, mathematicians and computer scientists with a demonstrable interest in the interface between their discipline and biology. Click [here](#) for more information.

Ernst & Young Quantitative Advisory Service: Multiple Openings

Ernst & Young provides professional services to large global/US banks with a specialized focus on quantitative methods and capital market products, including front-office pricing, Market, Counterparty Credit, and other risk models. They have both [full-time](#) and [part-time](#) positions available. To apply, submit an application on the website and email [Fangzhou Zhang](#) with a copy of your resume.

Argonne National Laboratory: Postdoctoral Appointee in Quantum Information Science

The Mathematics and Computer Science (MCS) Division at Argonne National Laboratory seeks multiple postdoctoral candidates. Postdoctoral appointees will contribute to projects that design quantum compilers, develop new quantum algorithms, model the behavior of multiqubit systems, perform quantum network simulations, and develop quantum network protocols. Positions are available immediately as well as with start dates in 2022. U.S. citizenship or permanent residency is not required. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#). For questions, contact [Martin Suchara](#).

Army Research Laboratory QST: Staff Scientists and Postdoctoral Fellows

The Quantum Science and Technology Branch (QST) in the Army Research Laboratory has multiple openings for staff scientists and post-doctoral fellows. The openings include efforts in quantum sensing, timing, quantum memories, and entanglement distribution. QST has a close collaboration with the Quantum Technology Center at the University of Maryland (QTC) including shared lab space and projects. Click [here](#) for more information and to apply.

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