

Dear Colleagues,

My name is Alfredo Gurrola, and I am the Physics Director of Graduate Studies at Vanderbilt University. I would like to invite your students to apply to our Physics PhD program. The deadline to submit an application for the Physics PhD graduate program is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Information about the admissions process can be found below:

<https://as.vanderbilt.edu/physics-astronomy/phd-physics-admissions/>

Our Department of Physics & Astronomy is at the forefront of groundbreaking research, exploring both fundamental and interdisciplinary questions to make major scientific discoveries and produce impactful results. With a midsize department, we offer a strong sense of community and personalized mentoring, while maintaining critical mass in several major research areas.

Our students benefit from cutting-edge research opportunities and have access to interdisciplinary centers/institutes that amplify our impact across various scientific fields. As a result, our graduates go on to successful careers at leading institutions and companies worldwide. We offer a 5-year support package that includes full tuition waivers, health insurance, and a competitive annual stipend. First-year students also receive a relocation stipend. Additionally, we provide travel grants for scientific conferences, annual awards for exceptional teaching assistants and student-led publications, as well as opportunities for additional fellowships and funding.

Vanderbilt is also deeply committed to equity, diversity, and inclusion, integrating these values with our world-class research. And as a bonus, Nashville, known as the "Athens of the South," is a culturally rich city with plenty of activities and a thriving educational atmosphere. More information about our department can be found on the webpage below:

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If you have any questions about applying to the PhD program, please do not hesitate to contact me or our graduate programs specialist, Donald Pickert.

Sincerely,

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