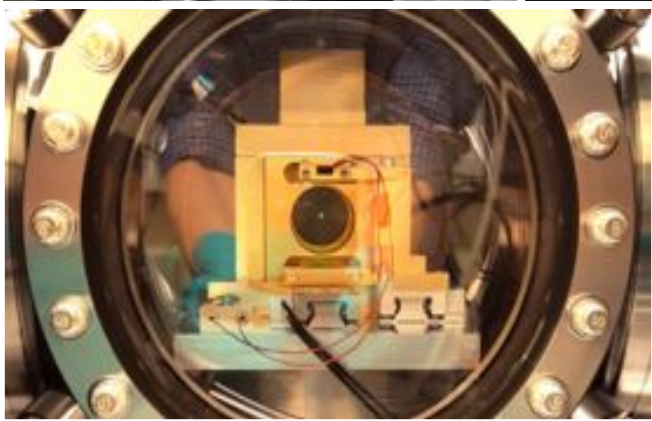
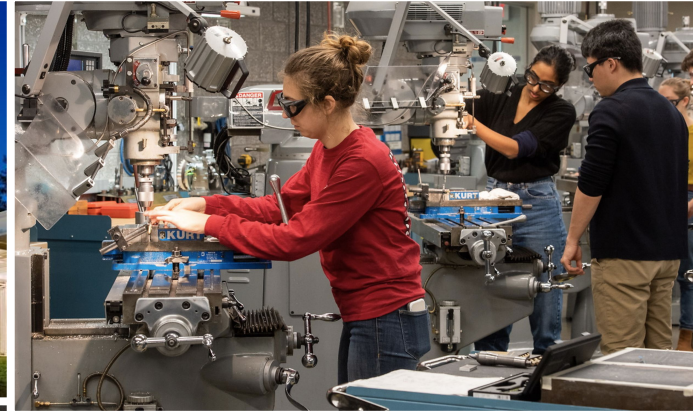
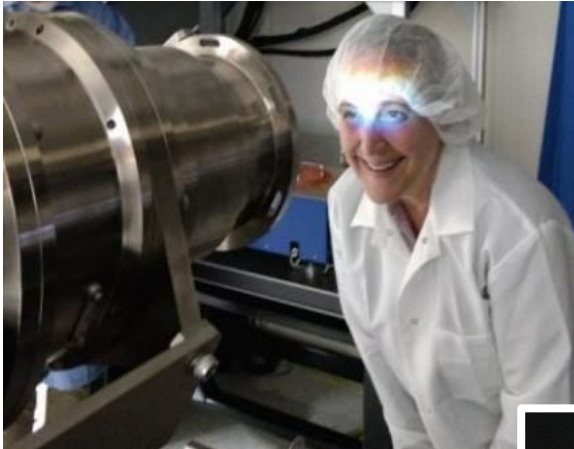


# Yale Astronomy & Physics Graduate Programs



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# Yale Physics Graduate Program Team



Prof. Karsten Heeger  
*Chair*



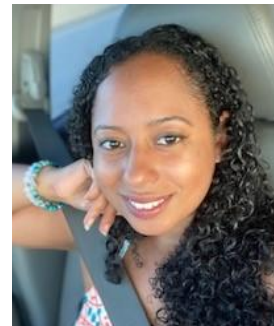
Prof. Daisuke Nagai  
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Prof. Helen Caines  
*Director of Graduate Admissions*

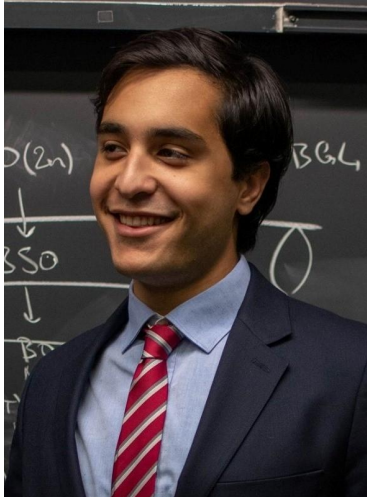


Dr. Rona Ramos  
*Graduate Program Coordinator & Lecturer*



Stacey Watts  
*Graduate Program Registrar*

# Yale Physics Graduate Student Representatives



David Carcamo  
*Biological Physics*  
Graduate Student, Year 3



Emily Pottebaum  
*Particle Experiment*  
Graduate Student, Year 2



Yarone Tokayer  
*Astrophysics/Cosmology*  
Graduate Student, Year 3

# Yale Astronomy Faculty and Student Representatives



Prof. Malena Rice  
*Assistant Professor, Astronomy*



Prof. Frank van den Bosch  
*Professor, Astronomy & Physics*



Christopher Lindsay  
*Astronomy Graduate Student,  
Year 4*



Juliette Hilhorst  
*Astronomy Graduate Student,  
Year 1*

# Statement of Principles

## Respect

We continually strive to make our department a place that respects people with **diverse** backgrounds and values each others' **creativity**.

## Well-being

We commit to actively engage in creating a **supportive** and **safe environment**. Criticism and praise are professional and constructive.

## Integrity

We carry out our work with **honesty** and with the **highest standards**. We shall not commit scientific or academic misconduct, defined as plagiarism, fabrication, or falsification.

## Community

Our community actively **includes all**, enhancing **collaboration** and promoting our common mission to advance the frontiers of knowledge.

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# Yale Physics by the Numbers 2023

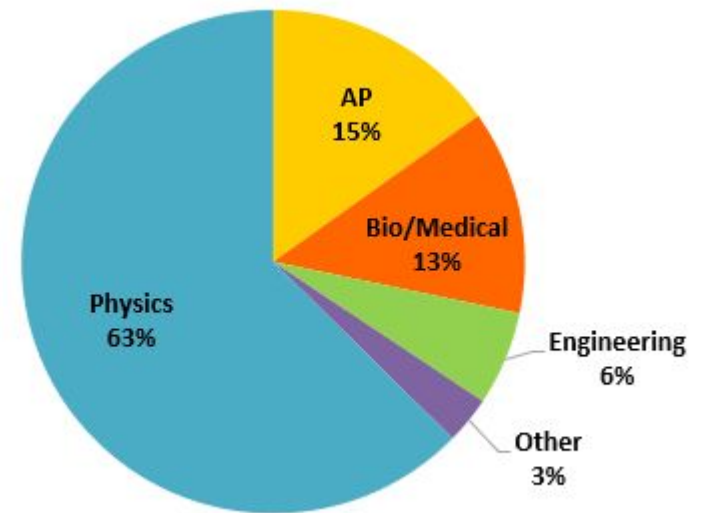
## People

faculty (primary)	36
faculty (secondary)	32
research scientists	28
postdocs	30
grad students (physics)	156

median time to graduation 6.6 years

many opportunities to seek  
Interdisciplinary research

Physics students have diverse  
interests working with advisors  
in Physics and related  
disciplines



# Research Areas

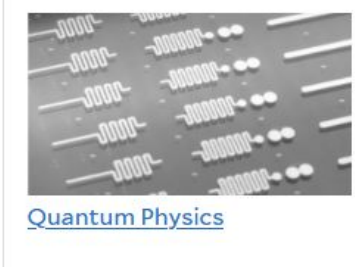
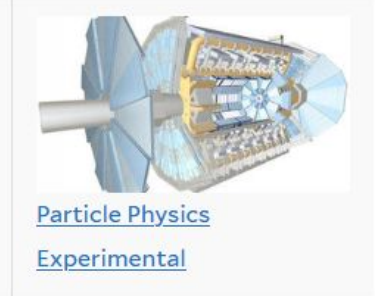
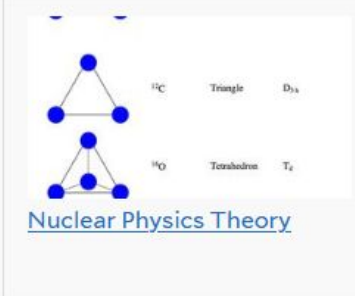
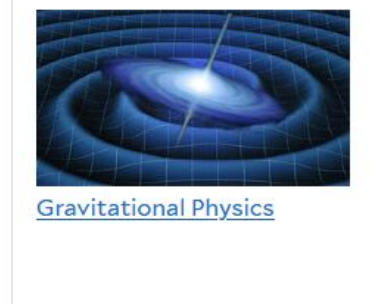
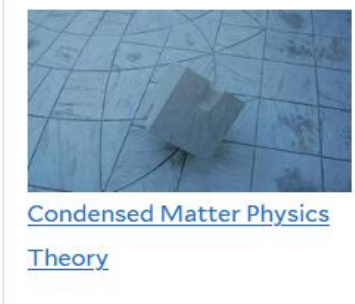
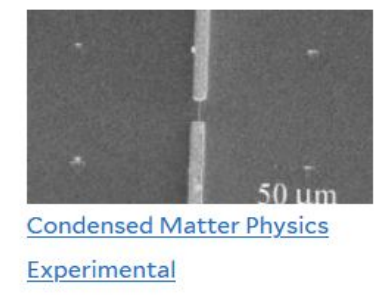
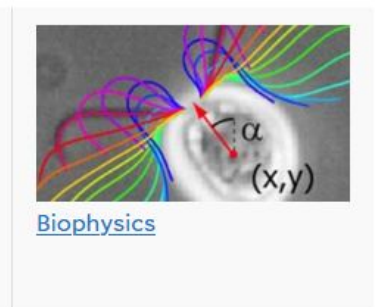
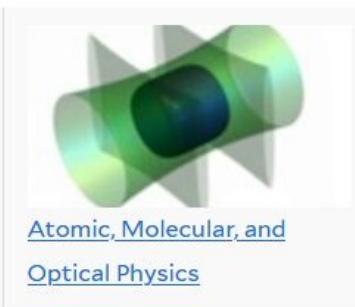
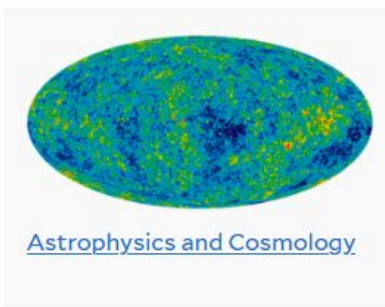
Traditional and emerging research areas

Research portfolio of department is evolving

New faculty being hired

Current science initiatives on campus

- data science
- quantum science
- instrumentation



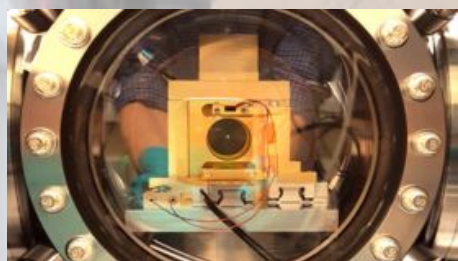
# Yale Physics Research in Campus Centers



**Wright  
Laboratory**



Yale Quantum Institute



YCAA (Yale Center for Astronomy & Astrophysics)

*Yale Center for Research Computing*



Yale's Integrated Graduate Program In  
**PHYSICAL** and **ENGINEERING BIOLOGY**

Quantitative Biology Institute [QBio]



**Systems Biology Institute**

**Energy Science Institute**



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# Physics Ph.D students' learning objectives guide to the graduate program

1. Students will acquire a **general foundational knowledge of physics** at the graduate level and the necessary accompanying methodological aspects of **mathematics, computing, and instrumentation**.
2. Students will learn to **identify and solve problems at the frontier of physics knowledge**, uphold standards of scientific integrity, and disseminate their research.
3. Students will become **educators and communicators** with the ability to promote an understanding and appreciation of physics across the university and in society.
4. Department members and students will work together to develop and realize, in the department and in the community, progress and success in **diversity, equity, and inclusion** in all aspects of the scientific enterprise.

# Graduate Program

- **Coursework**

- Must take, waive or pass-out of 6 core courses, take at least one advanced elective and a Special Investigation (research) course

- **Teaching**

- 10hrs/week of teaching for first 2 years
- Learn to teach, deepen your knowledge of Physics

- **Qualifying Event**

- Four 4-question “Event” → Not an exam! Taken at the beginning of the 2nd year. Part of the learning milestone’s of the department. All students pass by participation!

- **Research**

- typically, start in first year, full-time in summer after year 1
- by mutual arrangement, you can start summer before you start graduate school (early start)

- **Flexibility in program**

- many ways to personalize your course of study and research
- admission to Yale does not bind you to a specific program

# Q&A



# Academic Life and Campus Resources

## Graduate Student Leadership

- ★ Regular town halls with department leadership
- ★ Graduate Student Advisory Committee
- ★ Graduate Students on Departmental Committees

## Physics Colloquia and Seminars

### Department of Physics

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	Upcoming	Month	Week	Day	Year	All E
Physics Seminar Calendar						
External Seminars of Interest						
Physics Club & Prize Lectures Flyer						
Physics Club						
Prize Lectures						
Kimball Smith Series						


Upcoming Events	
OCTOBER 12, 2022	
11:00am	<a href="#">YCRC Research Support Office Hours</a>
4:30pm	<a href="#">Nobel Prize in Physics 2022 Lecture: A. Douglas Stone, Yale University, "Spooky Action at a Distance wins the Nobel Prize"</a>
OCTOBER 13, 2022	

## Yale Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning

FACULTY ▾ POSTDOCS ▾ GRADUATE STUDENTS ▾ UNDERGRADUATES ▾ INITIATIVES ▾


Home Graduate Students

### Graduate Students




**About the Graduate Writing Laboratory**

The Graduate Writing Lab




**Writing and Public Speaking Consultations**



**Writing Workshops and Panels**

Each semester, the Graduate



**Peer-Review Groups**

Learn about Peer-Review groups and how they can amplify your

**GWL Writing Retreats and All Writes**

Join your fellow graduate and professional school students for

**Teaching Workshops**

**Writing Resources for Graduate Students**


Resources to guide you through all forms of academic writing in your

**Teaching Programs and Grants**

**About Teaching Development for Graduate and Professional School Students**

**Teaching Forums**

**Teaching Consultations and Classroom Observations**



**Resources for Graduate Student Teachers**

## McDougal Graduate Student Center



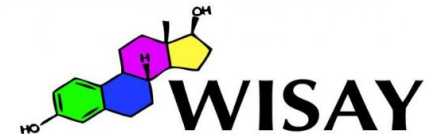
student support resources and community

# Student Groups

## Climate and Diversity Committee



Women in  
Physics +



## GSAC

Graduate Student Advisory Committee



Andy Ding (Year 5)



Charles Lomba (Year 4)



Katie Chang (Year 3)



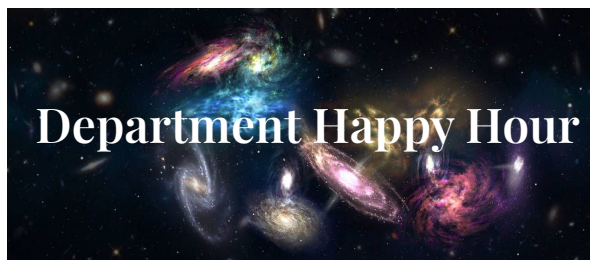
Braedyn Au (Year 3)



Andrew Neely (Year 2)



History and Foundations of Physics Reading  
Group (HoFoP)



## Women in Physics (+Allies)



# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



Research & Discovery



Community & Belonging



News & Honors



Education



Outreach



Get Involved



Shared Leadership



Advocacy



Legacy

## Yale Physics Graduate Diversity Fellowship



## Climate and Diversity Committee

## APS Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Alliance (APS IDEA)



## Office for Graduate Student Development & Diversity (OGSDD)

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# The Physics PhD Application Components

- Personal Details
- Program of Study
- Statement of Academic Purpose (Research interests)
- 3 Letters of Recommendations
- Academic History
- Program-Specific Questions (subfields/faculty of interest)
- Additional Questions (All optional, Personal Narrative Recommended)
- Languages
- Test Scores (\*GRE scores are Optional. TOEFL/IELTS scores are required for non-english speakers.)  
<https://gsas.yale.edu/faq/admissions/standardized-test-questions>
- Resume/CV

<https://gsas.yale.edu/admissions/degree-program-application-process>

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Testing -

GREs - Optional

TOEFL/IELTS - Not required from an institution where English is the primary language of instruction. No minimum if not, 25+ on TOEFL speaking test, or 7.5+ on IELTS to teach

## Application Costs and Deadlines -

Application Fee - \$105 USD, [Fee waiver request forms](#) must be submitted before submitting applications

Application Deadline - December 15th

## Graduate Student Support -

Tuition and Health Fees - \$0 cost to student

Graduate Stipend - \$40,530 USD, increases yearly

## Early Program Opportunities -

Early Start Research - Paid research in a Research Group, June 1 - Aug 15

Physics Bootcamp - Basic refresher class in several foundational physics topics





# Come and meet us!

~~Oct. 26-28 - SAGNAS Conference~~

~~Nov. 7 - Joint Webinar with Astronomy~~

Nov. 8 - Joint Webinar with Applied Physics

Nov. 9-10 - NSBP Conference

**Dec. 15 - Applications Due**

Early Feb. - Offer letters sent

**April 15 - Deadline to Accept**



## Physics Open House

**April 4-6, 2024**

# Q&A

