APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL AID
PHYSICS GRADUATE PROGRAM - THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

GENERAL INFORMATION: We have simplified the procedures that must be followed to apply for admission and financial aid. If you will read the instructions below and send the required materials directly to the Physics Graduate Office, we will see that your application is considered promptly. Because the number of applicants we can admit each year is limited, we urge you to submit your application materials as soon as possible, and no later than January 15 if you wish to be considered for a fellowship. The Office of Admissions may send you another Graduate School Application. You may ignore that duplicate application, and any request therein for a fee, and we will make sure that the Office of Admissions receives all the information it requires. Contact us if you have any questions!

The materials listed below constitute a complete application for admission to the Graduate School in the Department of Physics. All materials must be received by the Physics Department before an application can be given consideration.

Admission Application Please fill out the enclosed Admission Application, printing clearly in black ink (not blue or other-colored) using capital letters. Be certain to sign and date your application.

Use your correct legal name at the time you apply to the University. If your name or address change prior to enrollment, please notify the Physics Department in writing after the change occurs.

We ask that you enter your U.S. Social Security Number in the appropriate space on the Application. This number will be used for the following purposes: as your student identification number, to identify any test scores you may report; and to verify your attendance if you are a loan, scholarship, or grant recipient.

Federal regulations require institutions of higher education which receive federal assistance to report race/ethnic categories for student enrollments. Please check the appropriate box on the Application to indicate your ethnic/racial status.

Transcripts Applicants should write to each institution attended requesting that one official transcript of all courses completed at those institutions be sent to the Physics Department. Failure to submit a transcript from each institution attended will delay action on your application. Course work from one institution reported as transfer credit on another school's transcript is not acceptable.

If no Grade Point Average appears on your transcript, please calculate your GPA and include your method of calculation on a separate piece of paper.

Testing Requirements Applicants must arrange to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) general and physics advanced subject tests. Registration forms for the GRE, deadline dates, and test dates can be obtained from your university. Order your scores sent to the Physics Department.
**Recommendations** Applicants must arrange to have three completed recommendations sent directly to the Physics Department. Recommendation forms are enclosed with the Application. Even if this form is used, each recommender must submit their recommendation on clearly identified, official academic or business letterhead. Each reference writer should submit as many of the following as are available to him or her: telephone number, fax number and e-mail address. At least one of these means of direct contact must be supplied.

Letters of recommendation should be in sealed, official academic or business envelopes (bearing the school or business address of the recommender). Sealed letters may be submitted in one package with the other application materials or they may be mailed separately.

**Autobiography** On a separate sheet of paper, please write a one-page autobiographical sketch. Include in this statement your goals and objectives for graduate study. Details concerning interest in and motivations for graduate work in physics as well as pertinent personal data may also be included. Please send your autobiography along with your Admission Application to the Physics Department.

**Fellowships and Graduate Associateships** Applicants may use the Admission Application form to request fellowship and associateship consideration. Please check the appropriate box(es) on the Admission Application. Fellowships are outright grants of money, and associateships usually involve teaching or research duties.

The principal financial aid available to beginning physics graduate students is the Graduate Teaching Associateship. As of October 1, 1996, the stipend is $15,000 per year. All tuition and general fees are paid. Outstanding applicants will also be considered for University Fellowships provided a complete application has been received by January 15. (Please note that this deadline requires Fellowship applicants to take the GRE no later than the December test date.)

**Housing** The University owns and operates limited housing for both single graduate students and graduate students with families. Persons may request an application for either form of housing by checking the appropriate box on the Admission Application. Doing so, however, does not in itself constitute a housing application; it merely causes housing application materials to be sent.

**Send All Application Materials To:**

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