

GRADUATE PROGRAM IN APPLIED PHYSICS

Overview

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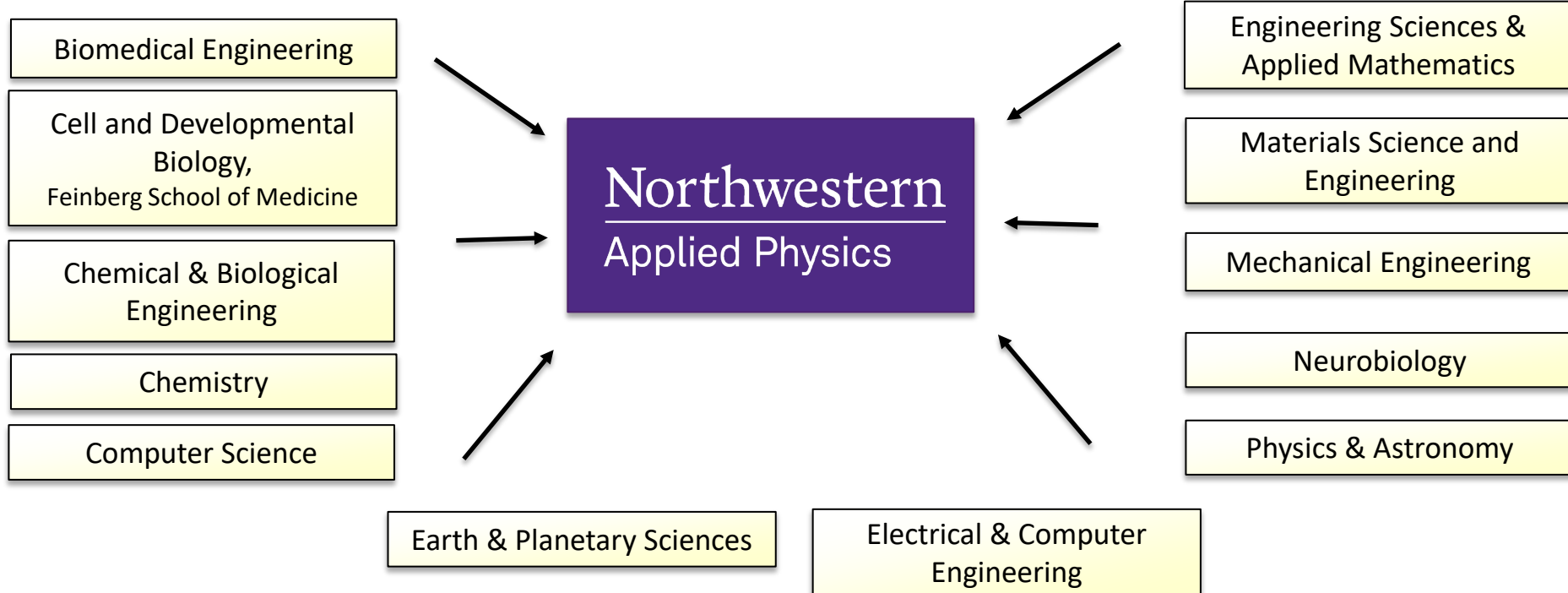
Applied Physics

Affiliation:
2 Schools, more than 10 Departments/Programs

WEINBERG COLLEGE
OF ARTS & SCIENCES

&

McCORMICK SCHOOL OF
ENGINEERING



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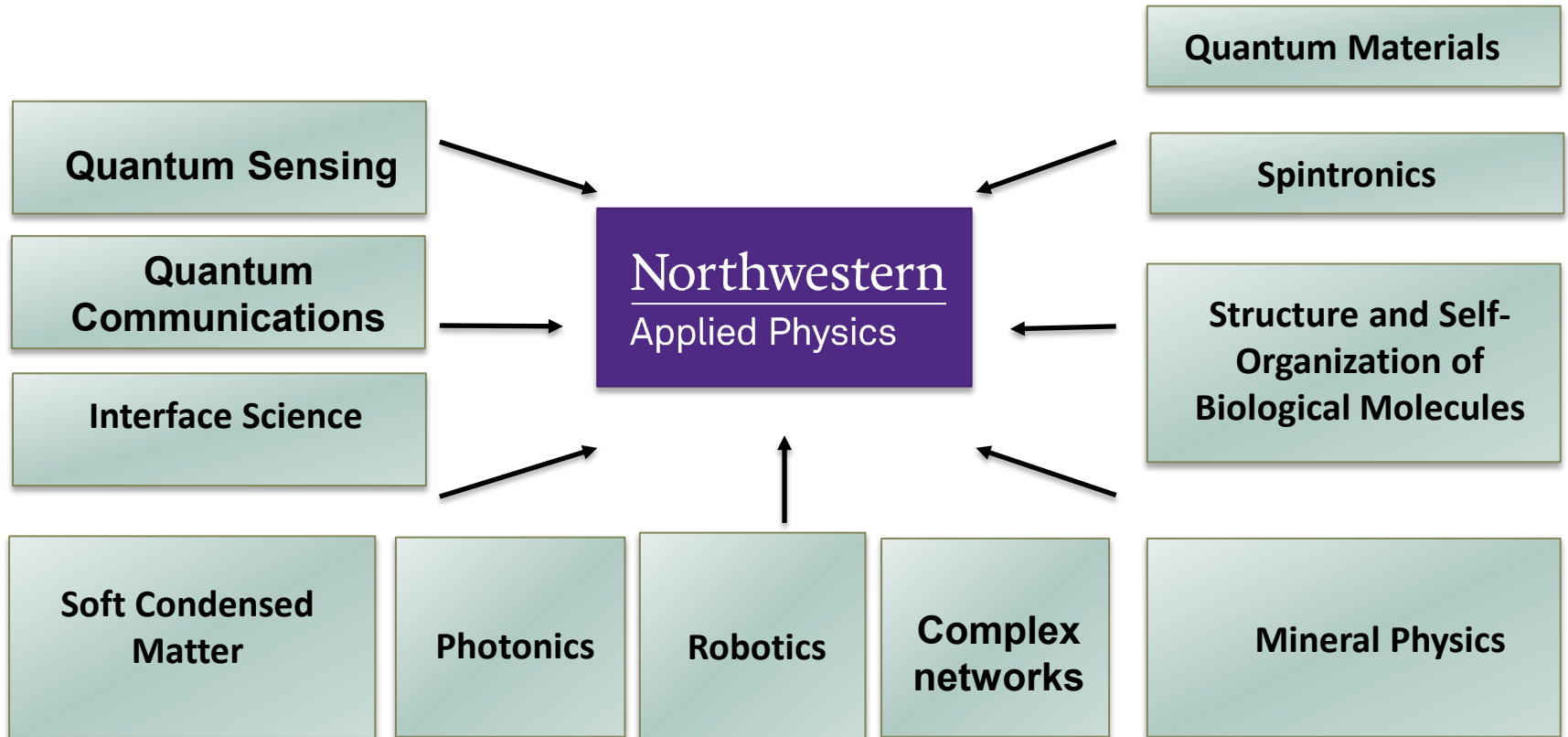
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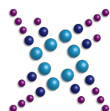


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Collaborative Research Centers and Institutes



Materials Research Center
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SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY

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QUANTUM TRANSDUCTION



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
FOR NANOTECHNOLOGY
Northwestern University

CAPST
Center for Applied Physics and Superconducting Technologies



Argonne
NATIONAL LABORATORY



Chemistry of
Life Processes
Institute



Northwestern University
Argonne National Laboratory
Institute of Science and Engineering

NUANCE
Northwestern University Atomic and
Nanoscale Characterization Experimental Center

ICET

Institute for Cellular Engineering Technologies

MATERIALS RESEARCH SCIENCE
AND ENGINEERING CENTER

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Center for Hydrogen in Energy and Information
Sciences (HEISS)

Center for
Network Dynamics



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#1

We need you:

your skills and talent, your unique ideas and perspective

#2

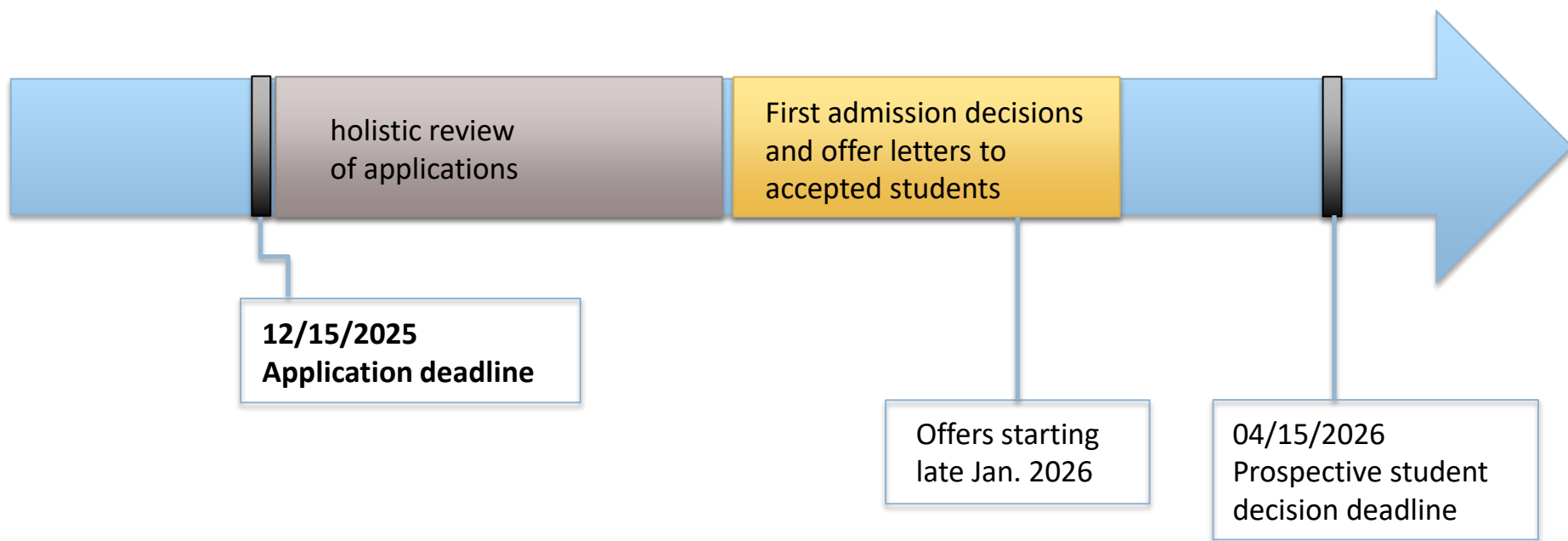
Unique Research Opportunities

- interdisciplinary, multiple departments
- many faculty members (experiment, theory)
- new QIS centers

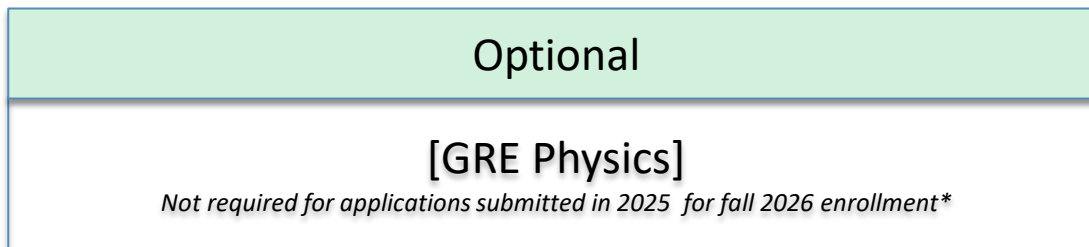
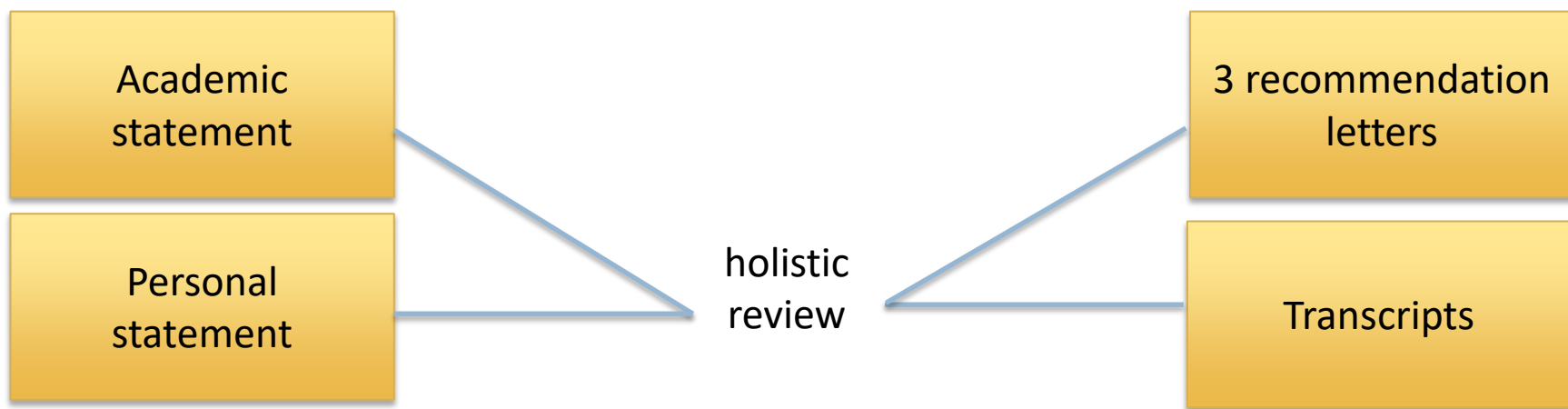
#3

Start your own research early (second quarter!)

interact with AP students and faculty doing research in a variety of disciplines



Content of your application



**If GRE Physics scores are submitted, the admissions committee will review them as part of a holistic evaluation of the applicant's academic preparation in physics*

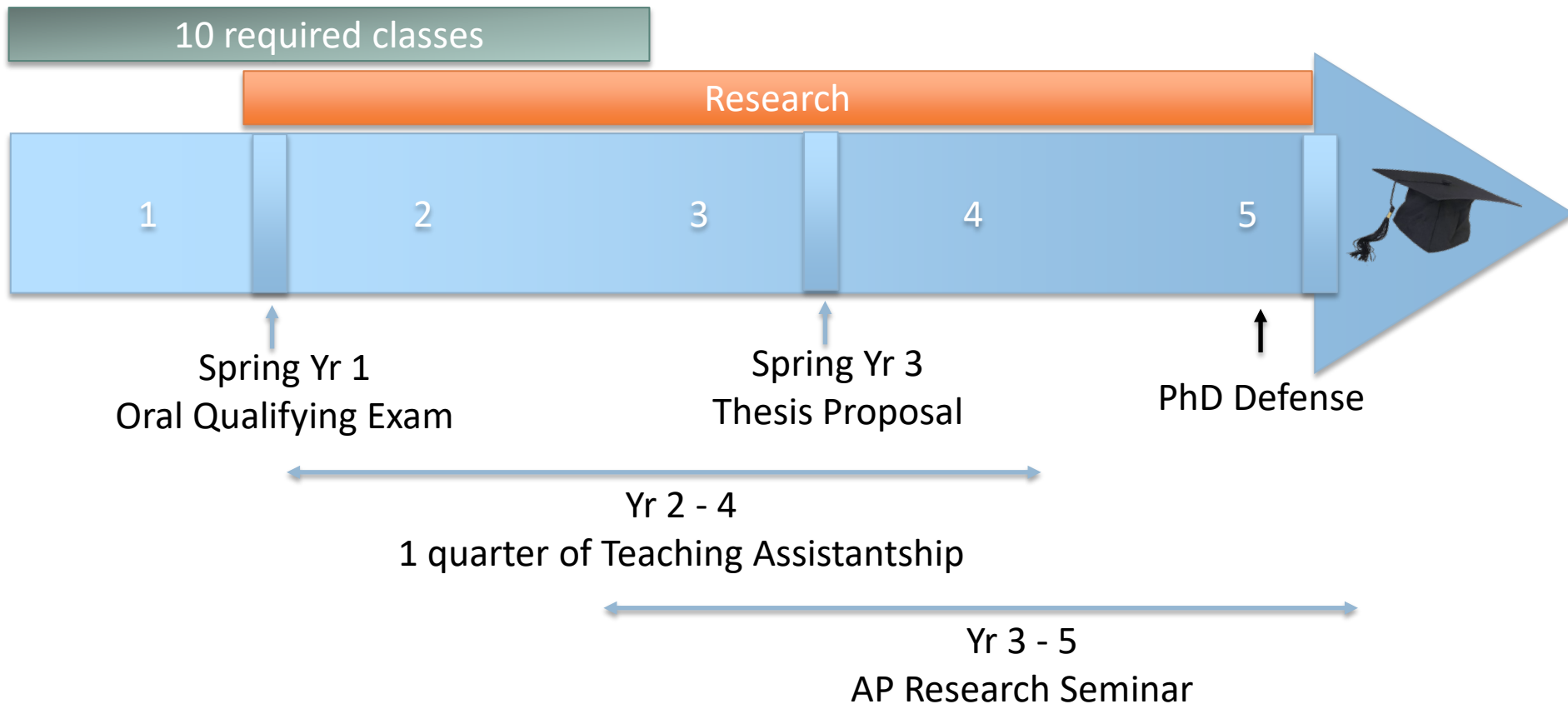
- ➡ What are your academic interests, and why do you wish to pursue graduate studies in Applied Physics?
- ➡ How has your academic and professional background prepared you for graduate study? (Please include any research, training, or educational experiences that align with Applied Physics)
- ➡ Why is the Northwestern Applied Physics the best place for you to pursue your academic, intellectual, and professional goals?
- ➡ Please make sure to address any scholarly questions you wish to explore and name any specific faculty members whose research interests align with your own

- ➡ Pivotal experiences, opportunities, and/or challenges that have influenced your educational and professional development.
- ➡ Leadership experiences, community outreach, service initiatives, or research projects you have participated in or plan to pursue that aim to positively impact others or the broader community.
- ➡ Anything you would like to share with the admissions committee that you have yet to discuss in other areas of the application (ex: gaps in your academic and professional experience, or additional context)
- ➡ If needed, you may also use this space to expand upon the topics discussed in the essays

provide you
with a
solid foundation
in **physics**

enable you
to become an
**independent
researcher**

prepare you for
and assist you in
planning and realizing
your
career plans



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Professional Development

The Graduate School at Northwestern University (TGS) offers a variety of resources and programming to contribute to the professional development of our graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

In addition to providing direct services (such as workshops and speakers), TGS serves as a gateway to programming and resources across campus. TGS partners with several University offices to provide skill acquisition in five major **Core Competencies**. In addition, students are encouraged to explore the **Career Pathways**, where professional development opportunities and resources are organized by career path, in a timeline format. Finally, TGS offers

OUR PARTNERS

- Center for Civic Engagement
- Office of Fellowships
- Center for Leadership
- Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
- Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching

- Career Exploration
- Leadership and Management
- Speaking and Presenting
- Teaching
- Writing and Research



~ 50 faculty members in:

- Biomedical Engineering
- Cell and Developmental Biology, Feinberg School of Medicine
- Chemical & Biological Engineering
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth & Planetary Sciences
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Engineering Sciences and Applied Mathematics
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Neurobiology
- Physics and Astronomy

As of Jan. 2026

First Year

Fall

MAT SCI 401: Chemical & Statistical Thermodynamics of Materials
or **PHYS 416:** Introduction to Statistical Mechanics (Winter Yr1)

PHYS 412-1: Quantum Mechanics

PHYS 411-1: Methods of Theoretical Physics

GEN ENG 519: Responsible Conduct of Research Training (not for credit)

Winter

PHYS 412-2: Quantum Mechanics

PHYS 414-1: Electrodynamics

PHYS 416-0: Introduction to Statistical Mechanics
or **MAT SCI 401:** Chemical & Statistical Thermodynamics of Materials
(Fall Yr1)

MAT SCI 405: Physics of Solids*
or **PHYS 422-1:** Condensed Matter Physics (Fall Yr2)

Before the end of year 3

Computational Methods of Applied Physics

Experimental Methods of Applied Physics

2 Electives

Second Year

Fall

PHYS 422-1: Condensed Matter Physics
or **MAT SCI 405:** Physics of Solids (Spring Yr1)



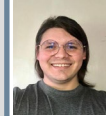

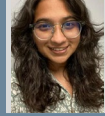
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**if schedule does not conflict with other required classes,
otherwise Winter of year 2*

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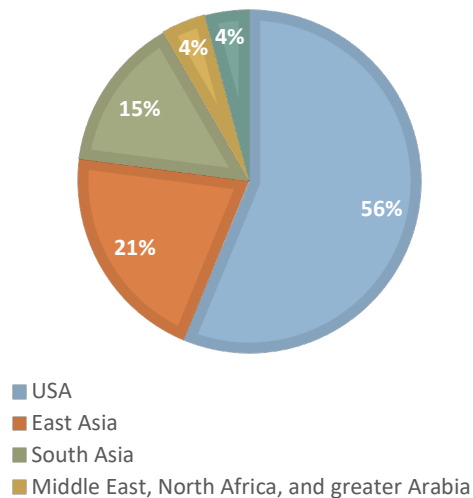
Graduate Students

 Aziz Abogoda Sauls group	 Pravan Chakravarthy First Year Student	 Junhang Duan Wasielowski group	 Swan Htun Jacobsen group	 Gilhwan (Peter) Lim Hersam/ Dravid groups	 Margaret Quinn Rondinelli group	 Madison Schwin Chen group	 Qin Tong Wu Swearer Group
 Emmanuel Aneke Jacobsen group	 Shu Chen Petford-Long/ Phatak Groups	 Ely Eastman Kumar group	 Joseph Humphries First Year Student	 Chenguang Liu Jacobsen/ Pankuch groups	 Rohan Rajmohan Koch group	 Antara Sen Olvera de la Cruz Group	 Andre Vallieres Koch Group
 Mauricio Angelone Jacobsen group	 Tse-Min Chiang Schatz group	 Matthew Farnese Olvera de la Cruz group	 Ubaid Kazianga Sargent group	 Chen Lu First Year Student	 Lawrence Rhoads Grayson group	 Neil Shah First Year Student	 Parker Watts Wasielowski group
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 Matthew Liam Beaudoin First Year student	 Arya Desai First Year Student	 Gamze Gul Kumar group	 Trevor Kling Hosseini group	 Ennis Mawas Kamal group	 Benjamin Roter Jacobsen group	 Gina Talcott Kumar group	 Joseph Yaker Koch / Romanenko group
 Matthew Capocci Koch group	 Vin San Dinh Koch / Romanenko groups	 Kara Hokenstad Kumar group	 Wing-Shun Li Backman / Dravid group	 Jasmine Panthe Chandrase-khar group	 James Rush	 Yi Wang Odom, T. group	 Tianpu Zhao Koch Group

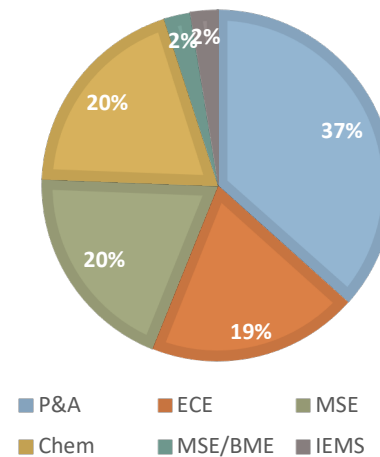
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TOTAL: 48 STUDENTS

BY REGION



BY DEPARTMENT



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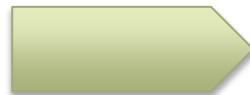
Where do our Alumni work?



ACADEMIA



NATIONAL LABS



INDUSTRY



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Where do our Alumni work?

Examples





City of Evanston

- Population of ~75,000.
- Convenient, quiet.
- Quick and easy connections to downtown Chicago.
(Metra: ~20 mins)

City of Chicago

- Population of 2.7M
- Great museums, restaurants, sports, culture,...
- And beaches!

