# GRADUATE PROGRAM IN APPLIED PHYSICS

**Overview\*** 

#### Affiliation: 2 Schools and 9 Departments



#### **Program Team**

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#### **Core Disciplines**



#### **Collaborative Research Centers and Institutes**



Materials Research Center Northwestern University



#### Northwestern

PAULA M. TRIENENS INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABILITY AND ENERGY



INTERN	ATIONAL INSTITUTE
FORN	ANOTECHNOLOGY
Nor	thwestern University



Center for Applied Physics and Superconducting Technologies









Northwestern University Argonne National Laboratory Institute of Science and Engineering

# Why become an AP student at NU?



#### We need you:

your skills and talent, your unique ideas and perspective

#### **Unique Research Opportunities**

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



**Start your own research early (second quarter!)** interact with AP students and faculty doing research in a variety of disciplines

### Applying to NU Applied Physics: Timeline



## Applying to NU Applied Physics: Application

#### Content of your application



Optional							
Additional information statement	[GRE / GRE Physics] Not required for applications submitted in 2024 for fall 2025 enrollment						

#### **Applying to NU Applied Physics: Statement of Purpose**

#### Tell your story!

The admissions committee and faculty want to get to know you



#### Why Applied Physics?



What inspires you? What drives you? What makes you different?



Mention faculty you might be interested in working with.



If applicable, mention any **research experience**.



Mention obstacles you faced,

and how you managed to overcome them. Resilience and determination are strengths!

#### Program Components & Goals

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

### **PhD** Timeline: 5-year program



#### **Professional Development**



#### **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

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

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Advancing Learning and

Searle Center for

Writing and Research

### **Applied Physics Faculty**



- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth and Planetary Sciences
- Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Engineering Sciences and Applied Mathematics
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Physics and Astronomy

\* As of Sept. 2024

#### Courses

#### **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

#### 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)

#### Spring

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

Start your own research

#### **Second Year or later**

#### Fall

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

#### Fall or later

**Computational Methods of Applied Physics** 

**Experimental Methods of Applied Physics** 

2 Electives

#### **Graduate Students**

Ø	Aziz Abogoda Sauls group	T	<b>Tse-Min</b> Chiang Schatz group		<b>Ely</b> Eastman Kumar group	<b>Ubaid Kazianga</b> Sargent group	Chenguang Liu Jacobsen/ Pankuch groups		Anirudh Ramesh Kumar group	Antara Sen Olvera de la Cruz Group		<b>Qin Tong</b> Wu First Year student
	Emmanuel Aneke Jacobsen group		Ting Ching Chu Lauhon group	F	Matthew Farnese Olvera de la Cruz group	Samira Khan Driscoll group	<b>Eric Matt</b> Khalili group	0	Lawrence Rhoads Grayson group	<b>Banibrato Sinha</b> Khalili group		Andre Vallieres Koch Group
	Mauricio Angelone Jacobsen group		Christopher Cravey Grayson group		Jennifer Garland Petford-Long group	<b>Trevor</b> Kling Hosseini group	Ennis Mawas Kamal group		William Rogers First Year student	Lucas Stanley Geraci group	<b>E</b>	Parker Watts Wasielewski group
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	Sevde Nur Arpaci Khalili group Matthew Capocci Koch group		Gregor Dairaghi Odom, T. group Vin San Dinh Koch / Romanenko groups		Gamze Gul Kumar group Kara Hokenstad Kumar group	Yisheng Lei Hosseini group Wing-Shun Li Backman / Dravid group	Jasmine Panthee Chandrase- -khar group Margaret Quinn Rondinelli group		Benjamin Roter Jacobsen group James Rush First Year student	Gina Talcott Kumar group Yi Wang Odom,T. group		Noah Welke Bedzyk group Joseph Yaker Koch / Romanenko group

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#### Statistics AP Students



As of Sept. 2024

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#### Where do our Alumni work?

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### Where do our Alumni work? Examples

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### ETH zürich

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National Institute of Standards and Technology U.S. Department of Commerce

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### **Beyond Northwestern**

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#### 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!

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