

APS Webinars

Everything You've Wanted to Know About Physics Grad School (But Were Afraid to Ask!)

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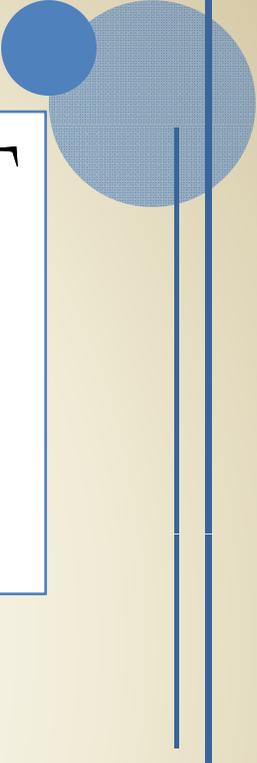
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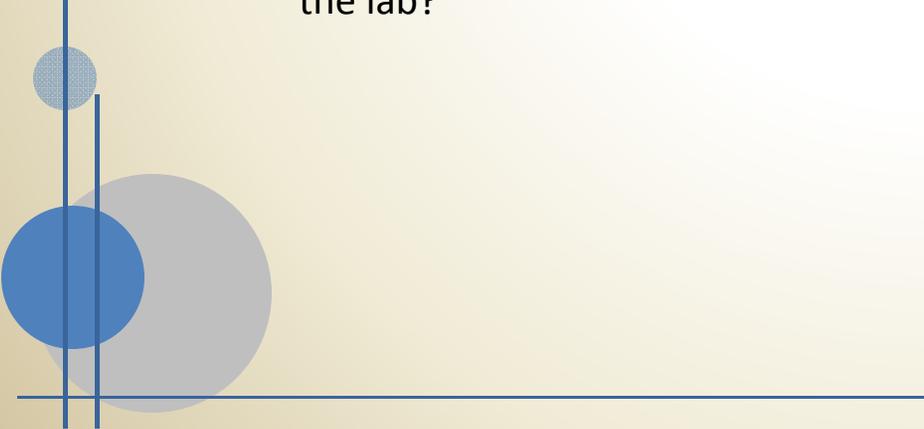
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GRAD SCHOOL APPLICATION PROCESS

- What is involved in the grad school application process? How early should one start preparing?
- What factors do you take into account when looking for graduate schools?
- How can I make my grad school application look more attractive to recruiters/set myself apart from the competition?
- Once I have my acceptance letters, how do I choose which program to attend?



FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH THE PROGRAM

- What options do I have in terms of funding? Do I need to work while I'm in school, or will there be funding opportunities through the department?
 - If I'm on a research grant, when will I need to start working full-time in the lab?
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COURSE WORK AND QUALIFYING EXAMS

- Which courses are typical for first year physics grads? Is there any way I can get a “head start” on these courses?
- What exactly is a qualifying/comprehensive exam? Do all programs expect their students to pass them? When do most students take their quals?
- What happens if I don’t pass my qualifying exam?
- Are there any resources available to help students prepare for their comprehensive exams?

RESEARCH AND ADVISING

- What advice would you give for choosing a research advisor?
- About when do most students in experimental research begin to work on their thesis project? Do students usually dive right in, or does a student typically work on smaller projects first?
- About when do most students begin writing their thesis?
- Do you have advice for dealing with problems with your research advisor?
- Any advice on writing your thesis?

QUESTIONS?

