

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of February 12th

Thank you to everyone who attended the Winter Party!



Department of Physics Winter Party, February 9th, 2024



Upcoming Events

Blood Drive in March!

The Department of Physics is hosting another Blood Drive on Wednesday, March 6th, from 10:00 am- 3:00 pm, in the PRB Atrium.

[Click here to make an appointment!](#)

Walk-ins are also welcome. We encourage all who are able to donate!

Upcoming Colloquia & Seminars

2/13/24 Spring 2024 Colloquium Series- Zoya Vallari- Probing fundamental symmetries through neutrino oscillations. [More information](#)

2/13/24 Spring 2024 Colloquium Series- Steering electrons with lightwaves: from petahertz electronics to quantum spectroscopy. [More information](#)

2/15/24 Spring 2024 Colloquium Series- Accelerator Searches for Sub-GeV Dark Sectors. [More information](#)

2/18/24 Science Sunday- Bart Elmore- Will Genetically Engineered Food Help Us Feed a Hungry Planet? [More information](#)

2/20/24 CCAPP Seminar- Wenzer Qin- TBA

Full Department

The **OSU APS IDEA** team would like to invite you to complete the tri-annual departmental self-assessment survey on your perception of different parts of our department. Your answers will help us understand how our department is perceived to be doing on issues that are important for student success. The link below takes you to a survey in Qualtrics that is anonymous and takes about 20 minutes to complete. At the end of the survey you can choose to be included in a raffle of OSU Physics Department tumblers. Thank you for your participation.

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3QuXDGUluD8Wxx4

Chemical Biophysics Symposium April 2024- Save the Date!

Looking to engage in lively discussions about the current research in the physical and life sciences? Join us at our 20th annual Chemical Biophysics Symposium at University of Toronto from April 26th – 28th, 2024! The Chemical Biophysics Symposium is a student-organized conference aiming to highlight the work of diverse researchers while harboring an exciting and engaging

environment. Registration opens January 2024. [Click here](#) to learn more.

COVID-19 Resources

- [What to do if you test positive for COVID-19](#)
- The [Safe and Healthy Buckeyes website](#) includes information on masking, COVID-19 testing and vaccination, and other resources.

Stewardship of PRB Kitchen

If your group or organization is using the PRB Kitchen for coffee or an event, please make sure to clean everything up afterwards! This includes keeping the counters clear, removing trash and recycling, putting things back where you got them from, and washing and putting away dishes. Do not leave dirty airports or pots with coffee/water in them on the counter or sink! If you leave pots upside down to dry overnight, please be sure to come back and put them away. We appreciate everyone's collaboration in keeping this space clean and nice for all to use!

Undergraduate Students

2024 Department of Physics Summer Research Program

We are now accepting applications for the 2024 Department of Physics Summer Research Program for undergraduate students.

Program details: The program provides students with a \$5,000 scholarship to work with a physics faculty member on a research project during summer 2024. Students are expected to work an average of 30 hours per week May 13 through July 19 which is 10 weeks. Participants are required to attend two social monthly lunches – one in May and one in June – as well as present during a poster session that will take place in mid-July. Students will also have the option to participate in other professional and social activities available throughout the summer. Please note that this is a competitive program and it's possible that not all applicants will be accepted.

Qualifications: This program is open to current OSU undergraduate students who are enrolled in the Physics major or the Engineering Physics major and are in good academic standing (overall GPA above a 2.0). Students who are graduating in May 2024 are not eligible.

Application components: To apply for the scholarship, a student must complete and submit an application and an agreement form (pages 3-4 of the [application packet](#)). Supporting faculty will submit a faculty endorsement

form (page 5 of the [application packet](#)) and a short letter of support for the student.

Application deadline: Friday March 8, 2024 at 5pm

Additional information can be found on the Physics website at <https://physics.osu.edu/ug-summer-research-scholarship>. Questions can be sent to Lindsey Thaler (thaler.21@osu.edu).

Graduate Students

Expanded coaching for ASC grad students and postdocs

With the addition of our new Assistant Director for Graduate Student Professional Success, Maddie Kindig, we have expanded our coaching hours. Grad students and postdocs exploring non-academic careers may schedule a coaching appointment [HERE](#) via Handshake, selecting Career Center, then Appointments.

Spring 2024 Career Development Schedule for ASC Graduate Student & Postdocs

[How to Find A Job You'll Love](#)

Wed, Feb 14 | 12pm-1pm ET | Virtual

[LinkedIn for PhDs](#)

Wed, Feb 16 | 12pm-1pm ET | Virtual

Interested in graduate student professional success? Arts and Sciences has a website to help you!

[Graduate Students and Postdocs | ASC Career Success \(osu.edu\)](#)
<https://asccareersuccess.osu.edu/graduate-students-and-postdocs>

Your Career and Professional Development

Your ASC advanced degree will help you develop skills valued by a wide array of employers, such as academic institutions as well as government, industry, and non-profit organizations. The ASC [Center for Career and Professional Success](#) aims to provide resources and opportunities designed to empower you to explore career paths beyond the tenure track, develop durable skills and robust networks, and prepare you for an exciting and rewarding professional journey.

Getting Started

Each of you is in a unique position when it comes to your career and professional development. The combination of your individual academic, personal and professional experiences and goals means that your starting point and your journey will be unique. The stages of **Explore**, **Develop**, and **Prepare & Pursue** are not intended to be prescriptive, rather they offer general guideposts based on career development best practices. We encourage you to evaluate your own situation and determine how best to utilize the following tools available on this site. For those who are uncertain, we recommend starting with **Explore**.

- **Explore** - You will identify your values, skills and interests before exploring the many career paths available to you
- **Develop** – As you narrow in on a career path of interest, gain relevant experience, build valuable skills and grow your professional network
- **Prepare + Pursue** – You will learn how to craft strong professional materials tailored to each position, interview effectively and negotiate job offers

Faculty

New postdocs? Reach out to Carly Scopel at scopel.6@osu.edu to be added to the Department of Physics listserv and stay up to date on news and events.

Are you planning to host an event or conference this summer? Be sure to contact your admin ahead of time with the event details, to begin making reservations and preparations.

Please consider if you will be taking ODP in the spring or summer. If you are interested in taking ODP in the upcoming months, please reach out to your admin associate with the funding source you wish to use and the ODP days you plan to take. Kindly submit ODP requests to admin associates 3 weeks in advance to allow time to complete the Workday approval process. The 2023-2024 ODP calendar below shows the available ODP days. Please note that ODP cannot be taken at the same time as vacation.

Off Duty Pay Calendar & Guidelines

OFF DUTY PAY CALENDAR

Below is a calendar of the qualifying dates for 9-month faculty Off Duty Pay (ODP) in the 2023-24 academic year.

ODP Eligible Days							Non-eligible days							University Holidays (are not eligible for ODP)						
October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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* Note: The total allowable ODP for summer 2024 is 3 months.



Submit your news items to scopel.6@osu.edu by 5pm, Thursday.

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