



Department of Physics

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

UW-Madison Physics PhD Application Instructions for current UW-Madison graduate students

Current UW-Madison graduate students should NOT use the regular application portal to apply to any UW-Madison PhD programs. Below is a checklist of instructions for those applying to the PhD-Physics.

- ❖ ADD the PhD-Physics program here: <https://my.grad.wisc.edu/Program> This is your formal application to the Department of Physics. Once decisions are made in late January/early February, you'll get a letter with the decision and this request to ADD will either be approved or denied.
- ❖ Send your materials directly to [Sharon Kahn](#) by December 15, 2024. These include:
 - Statement of Purpose (see instructions below)
 - CV
 - If you plan to submit subject GRE scores (these are optional), please Include a note with your self-reported score. Note, however, that you should submit your score official via ETS (institution code **1846** - no department code needed).
- ❖ Request that your recommenders send their letters directly to [Sharon Kahn](#) Three letters, please! (see guidance below)
- ❖ Complete the supplemental questions form: <https://forms.gle/okCFyzNreAsVP64r7>
- ❖ The Department will combine these materials with documents submitted in your original graduate application (i.e., official transcripts) as well as a current UW transcript.

Instructions for Statement of Purpose:

Please describe your relevant prior experiences and future research interests and goals. Strong applicants will clearly communicate their motivations for pursuing a PhD in Physics, and will convey how their research interests and past experiences align with the strengths of the University of Wisconsin - Madison Physics PhD program. This statement is also your opportunity to provide any other personal information you would like the admissions committee to know about you that is not clear from your other submitted materials.

Guidance on letters of recommendation:

A complete application requires at least 3, and no more than 4, letters of recommendation. The most impactful letters come from current or past research advisors, as well as other individuals who know you well and can speak to your strengths, prior experiences, and accomplishments and how they have prepared you to pursue a PhD in Physics.

Any questions? Contact [Sharon Kahn](#), PhD Graduate Program Manager.

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