



**Department of
Physics & Astronomy**

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Fall 2007 Admissions

Thank you for your interest in the Graduate Program in Physics & Astronomy at the University of Southern California.

Our department has strong active research programs in the areas of atomic and molecular physics, condensed matter physics, ultra-low temperature physics, laser physics (including quantum electronics and non-linear optics), solid state physics, elementary particle, space physics, and computational physics.

If you require financial aid you should apply for a Teaching Assistantship. During the academic year 2006-07 the stipend for a 50% appointment (nominal 20 hours per week) was \$2,000.00 per month and provided for tuition remission for up to 12 units per semester, as well as, paid for Graduate Student Health fees and insurance, student dental care package. The stipend is expected to increase somewhat for the academic year 2007-08.

In general, you should plan on starting your graduate studies in the Fall semester, because there are very few assistantship openings (often none) available in the Spring semester.

Applications for assistantships are due by January 1, along with a copy of transcripts, General and Subject GRE scores, and three letters of reference. Consideration of your application cannot be guaranteed unless we have all of these documents before the January 1 deadline. If you are an international applicant, we also must have your TOEFL score before your application can be considered. Notifications of awards are made after March 15.

Additional merit based fellowships of up to \$5,000 per year are also available. Generally, these awards require combined verbal and quantitative scores above 1400 on the General part of the GRE, and a cumulative undergraduate GPA above 3.70.

Priority consideration for funding will be given to those applicants who submit all application materials by December 1. The University will continue to accept and consider applications submitted after December 1.

Sincerely,

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