



February 8, 2022

Dear Patrick McCreery:

Congratulations! On behalf of the William B. Miller III Department of Physics and Astronomy, I am happy to inform you that you have been admitted into the Ph.D. Program in Physics and Astronomy at the Johns Hopkins University, beginning in the 2022 Fall Semester. Graduate studies have a special place at an intensely research oriented institution such as Johns Hopkins. We strongly believe in your potential, and we are very excited to have you join our community of scholars. We look forward to working with you to advance the field.

It is my further pleasure to inform you that you have been awarded a financial package that provides full tuition, health insurance coverage, and a 9-month stipend. You can expect this support to continue for six years (12 semesters), assuming satisfactory progress.

For enrollment in the 2022-2023 academic year, this support is as follows:

Stipend (9-month)	\$25,500
100% Full-time tuition (<i>approximately</i>)	\$58,720
Student health insurance (<i>approximately</i>)	\$2,482
One-time award	\$1,500
Total Support Provided	<hr/> \$88,205

Students who receive fellowships or funding from outside the University must report this information to the Chair of the Department to work out an overall package. For the 2022-2023 academic year, you have been awarded a graduate teaching assistantship. Students are expected to continue full-time research during the summers, and most students are supported by research assistantships from their research advisors, adding an additional \$8,500. This increases the stipend up to a total of \$34,000 (12-month calendar year).

Program funding rules are described here: <https://physics-astronomy.jhu.edu/graduate/>. Your participation and continuation in the graduate program are subject to University and departmental policies and academic progress requirements. For more information, please visit <https://homewoodgrad.jhu.edu/>.

PhD students in our department are expected to remain in good standing with their coursework and to pass two required oral exams: a research exam given in the beginning of the student's second year and the graduate board oral exam given during the fall semester of the student's third year. A further and central element of training in our PhD program requires

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students to serve as a teaching (or research) assistant for every semester that the students is enrolled as a full-time student in resident status. The expected duration of the PhD program in Physics and Astronomy is five to six years. As with other parts of graduate education, each graduate student is expected to perform his or her teaching and research assignments professionally and effectively. [Occasionally students will be awarded teaching/research opportunities beyond the sixth year, with additional fellowship support, as a further opportunity to extend their training and professional development.] Johns Hopkins also has resources available to PhD students to further train them in teaching pedagogy as well as resources relevant to students' professional development in areas outside of teaching.

One-time award

We are pleased to offer you a one-time fellowship in the amount of \$1,500 that can be used for travel, books, computers, or other expenses associated with your studies. The award will be paid as a lump sum supplement in your salary after your arrival at the University.

Health Insurance

The Johns Hopkins University requires health insurance for all full-time students while in residence. The Krieger School of Arts and Sciences will provide medical coverage offered through the University Student Health Plan while you are enrolled as a full-time student. You will be able to purchase coverage for dependents if you wish. U.S. citizens and permanent residents can make a request to waive coverage if they have other comparable insurance. All graduate students are required to meet the University's pre-entrance health requirements and provide proof of immunity to certain communicable diseases prior to registration. Further specific information can be found at <http://studenthealth.johnshopkins.edu>.

Graduate Resources and Orientation

The Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs website (<http://homewoodgrad.jhu.edu/>) contains a wealth of information about campus life, including information about housing, orientation, student organizations and living in Baltimore.

Newly enrolled graduate students are required to attend a mandatory university graduate student orientation, typically held about a week before the start of classes. More information will be posted online in the spring: <http://grad.jhu.edu/admitted-students/orientation/>. The first day of classes for the upcoming year is August 29, 2022.



International Students

If you are an international student, once you have accepted our offer and your enrollment has been processed, you will be contacted by the Office of International Services (OIS) via email to complete the steps needed to issue a Certificate of Eligibility (I-20 or DS-2019 form). These include the electronic Supplemental Information Form, a .pdf copy of the biographical & photo page of your passport, .pdf copies of a recent bank statement, and a .pdf copy of your acceptance letter from Johns Hopkins University. After you have sent your financial information and your acceptance of our offer, please register for your I-20 to be sent express at <https://study.eshipglobal.com/>. You will find additional information for new students at <https://ois.jhu.edu/Immigration and Visas/For New Students and Scholars/For Students/>

Questions should be directed to the Office of International Services, <http://ois.jhu.edu/>, at email: ois@jhu.edu or phone: (+1) 667-208-7001.

Acceptance of this offer

Please inform us of your decision no later than April 15, 2022, by following the instructions below my signature. Again, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. I am looking forward to welcoming you as a new graduate student in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the Johns Hopkins University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "TH" followed by a flourish.

Dr. Timothy Heckman
A. Hermann Pfund Professor and Chair



Please follow the instructions below to ensure your decision is processed in a timely manner.

In response to the offer of admission into the PhD program in the Department of Physics & Astronomy at Johns Hopkins University for the academic year 2022-2023:

Name: _____

☐ I **accept** the offer in this letter.

☐ I **decline** the offer in this letter. (We kindly request that you let us know what other program you will be attending.)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please follow these instructions to ensure your decision is processed in a timely manner.

1. Print, sign, and scan this letter and return as a .pdf to our Academic Program Administrator Ms. Kelley Key – kkey1@jhu.edu.

2. Log into the JHU application website (<https://applygrad.jhu.edu/apply/>) and on your status page enter your decision. As indicated on the application form, you will also be asked on this website to disclose information regarding any criminal background you may have. Please be aware that this offer of admission is conditional, depending on receipt and evaluation of final semester grades (if relevant) and depending on consideration of any relevant criminal background disclosure.

3. If you accept our offer, you must contact your institution to have your official academic transcripts sent directly to the Office of Graduate Admissions and Enrollment, W601 Wyman Park Building 3400 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21218.

4. If you experience any problems with the application system, please contact the Graduate Admissions Office at graduateadmissions@jhu.edu. For more instructions and information, please visit the Newly Admitted Students (<http://grad.jhu.edu/admitted-students/>) page of the Graduate Admissions website.

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