



2022-02-04

Patrick McCreery  
6869 Hillpark Avenue

Parker, CO USA 80134

Dear Patrick,

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that you have been given formal admission to the Graduate School at Montana State University as a Physics, PhD student. You can take great pride in your admission as it reflects not only your past academic achievements but also your potential to contribute unique scholarly knowledge to your discipline of study. We hope you will give the offer of admission to Montana State University careful consideration. MSU faculty and staff are dedicated to providing a challenging, collegial, and supportive environment.

Please read ALL pages of this decision letter. **To respond to this offer of admission, close this letter and complete the online decision form.** If you accept the offer, visit the [New Student Information](#) page (also located on The Graduate School website), which outlines your next steps and provides important registration information. We look forward to welcoming you into our community and to helping you achieve your academic goals. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Melis Edwards'.

Melis Edwards, M.S.  
Graduate Admissions Director  
Office of Admissions, The Graduate School

Student ID:	-03034866
Degree:	Physics, PhD, PHYS-PHD
Semester:	Fall 2022
Admission Status:	Full Admission
Residency:	Out-of-State

**Full Admission with Condition:**

The condition placed on your admission is that The Graduate School must receive the following OFFICIAL documentation:

The Graduate School will need official transcripts with showing your conferred degree. Until the transcripts are received, there will be a post-dated hold placed on your ability to register for future terms. As you are currently working on your degree, wait until your degree has been awarded and shows on your transcript before re-sending it to The Graduate School. Please have your transcripts sent to the Graduate School (MSU, The G.S., 104 Montana Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717 OR electronically to: [gradschool@montana.edu](mailto:gradschool@montana.edu))



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Dear Patrick,

The Department of Physics is excited to offer a Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) in Department of Physics at Montana State University for the Fall 2022 Term.

The assistantship will provide a total stipend of \$1,965 per month for 12 months in academic year one. The Graduate Teaching Assistantship (GTA) is for 19 average hours of work per week performing the duties associated with the assistantship. The assistantship assignment will be made by the Department and may continue if you are making progress towards your degree and funding remains available. In addition, you will receive tuition support of 12 Credits which will be provided for Fall, Spring and Summer Term; mandatory University Fees ARE NOT covered; and student Health Insurance costs ARE NOT covered. Be advised that the 19 hours/week required for the assistantship does not include the time required for the academic and research work necessary to complete your degree requirements.

This appointment is part of a Collective Bargaining unit represented by the Graduate Employee Organization (GEO), and the Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers, MEA-MFT. The Collective Bargaining Agreement can be found at <http://mus.edu/hr/cba/collbarg.asp>. You are bound by the terms and conditions in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, applicable policies of the University and Board of Regents, and applicable state and federal laws. Per the CBA, you will also receive an additional payment of \$175/month (see CBA Article 8.01(B)), which is intended "to defray costs including, but not limited to, living and healthcare costs".

Note: Being admitted to the Physics graduate program does not guarantee admission to any specific group in the department, or the mentorship of a particular advisor. For incoming graduate students without a research assistantship (RA), the Department of Physics will provide a teaching assistant position (TA) with a stipend and tuition waiver for the academic year. The Department of Physics expects that all TA/RA duties are completed professionally and in a timely fashion. If the Department Head or your research advisor deems your work unacceptable, your TA/RA support can be withdrawn. Montana State University continues to expand the graduate student enrollment across a range of disciplines creating a competitive housing market for graduate students. The earlier you accept our offer, the earlier you will be allowed to apply for campus housing opportunities. You will get more information on how to register for classes closer to the start of the semester. Should you have any questions regarding your offer or what comes next, please contact Margaret Jarrett at [jarrett@montana.edu](mailto:jarrett@montana.edu).

Next Steps:

- Accept this offer on or after this date: April 15th. You can let us know if you accept by closing this letter and selecting the decision response in the application portal. If you would like an extension on this acceptance date, please contact the department.
- Review the [New Student Information page](#).
- Arrive to campus by: August 10th. Plan to be on campus prior to the start of the term to attend training and orientation meetings.
- Register for the Graduate Schools [Training & Orientation](#).

I am pleased that you are considering The Department of Physics at Montana State University to continue your studies. We look forward to providing you with an exciting, challenging, and rewarding academic experience.

Sincerely,

Dana Longcope

Department Head

Department of Physics

[\\*General Duties of Graduate Teaching & Research Assistants \(GTA/GRA\)](#)

