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Dear Patrick,

Many thanks for applying to Minnesota for graduate school! We are delighted to admit you to our program in astrophysics, with financial support, and invite you to our open house.

You can find the details in what follows:

The Minnesota Institute for Astrophysics will fully support your graduate study (including summer) based on satisfactory academic progress. This policy involves a mixture of Institute teaching assistantships (TA's), research assistantships funded through individual research projects (RA's), and fellowships. Presently, we are offering you a Teaching Assistantship for the 2022-2023 academic year.

1. For 2021-2022 the current hourly rate is \$26.40, so the total academic year (9-month) TA stipend is \$20,592. Including Summer support, the 12-month stipend for graduate students in our program for this year is \$27,456. The full assistantship is considered a 50% appointment (i.e., 20 hours per week).
2. We offer every new graduate student the opportunity to work on a research project this coming summer supported by internal funds. Becoming acquainted with one of our faculty and their research is a good way to begin your work toward a Ph.D. We strive to involve all first year students in research.
3. The school also defrays full tuition costs, currently \$17,844 for Minnesota residents and \$27,612 for non-residents. Please note that tuition benefits do not cover student fees, approximately \$2,100 annually. Students are responsible for paying all fees. All graduate student appointments include a benefits package that includes comprehensive health insurance and subsidized dependent and dental care. Currently this benefit has a base value of approximately \$6,479.62.
4. A detailed offer will come in two weeks.

We would like you to come visit us. Our open house for prospective grad students is on March 18-19. Travel and lodging will be paid for by us. Angie Stehr in our office will be in touch with you to make travel arrangements. Please send any e-mail responses or queries to both of the following addresses: mscarlat@umn.edu (that's me), stehr002@umn.edu (Angie Stehr in the Institute office). Our Institute office telephone number is 612-624-4811; my own office phone is 612-626-1811.

Best regards,



Claudia Scarlata  
D.G.S. for Astrophysics

The University of Minnesota subscribes to the "Council of Graduate Schools Resolution." The basic rule is that we cannot require you to choose a particular school before April 15. If you do decide before that time, we would

appreciate it if you tell us right away. In case of a positive decision, that helps us to begin planning sooner; and in case of a negative decision, that helps applicants who are on the wait list.