



# Physics PhD

## Faculty Research Areas

The Physics and Astronomy department at UTRGV has 24 faculty very active in the following existing research areas: Astronomy, Astrophysics, Gravitational Wave Astronomy, Nuclear & High-Energy Theoretical Physics, Experimental Nano Physics, Experimental Condensed Matter Physics, AMO Physics, Computational Material Science, Biophysics, Physics Education and Biomedical Physics.

## Financial Assistance

The doctoral program is offering an annual stipend for those who qualify, and other means of financial support such as scholarships and competitive fellowships for highly qualified incoming students.

## How to apply

**Step #1:** Submit a UTRGV Graduate Application at [www.utrgv.edu/gradapply](http://www.utrgv.edu/gradapply). There is no application fee.

**Step #2:** Request your official transcripts to be sent electronically to [gradapps@utrgv.edu](mailto:gradapps@utrgv.edu) or mailed to:

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
The Graduate College  
Marialice Shary Shivers Bldg. 1.158  
1201 W. University Drive  
Edinburg, TX 78539-2999

## Admission criteria

1. Awarded a baccalaureate degree in Physics or earned a Master's degree from an accredited university (Official transcripts are required).
2. Undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 in the last 60 semester credit hours or an earned GPA of 3.00 or higher in and earned master's degree.
3. The GRE General test is not required.
4. Two letters of recommendation from former professors or any other professional individual who has been academically related with the student.
5. Statement of purpose, which should indicate research interests, prior academic performance, awards, publications, conference presentations, and research involvement, if any.
6. An interview with the Physics PhD Admissions Committee

**Pending approval by the Department of Education**

*Deadline to Apply:*  
**February 29, 2024**

## For Further Information

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