



**Department  
of Physics**

Dear Prospective MSU Physics Student:

The Department of Physics at Montana State University-Bozeman is soliciting applications for multiple **Undergraduate Scholarships**, including the *Patton L. Seifert Memorial Scholarship* and the *Robert J. Swenson Memorial Scholarship* from students majoring in physics. Departmental scholarships are competitive and awarded annually by the department to qualified students. The award provides a stipend up to \$1000 per semester and is renewable for up to eight semesters (four years), contingent upon availability of funds and provided the recipient continues to major in Physics, and maintains at least a 3.0 GPA overall and 3.5 GPA in Physics. Recipients will be selected on the basis of the quality of their academic record, and a short statement of interests and goals.

We seek applicants who are excited by physics and who are seriously committed to majoring in physics. We particularly wish to encourage women and other under-represented groups to consider physics as a career; the opportunities are great.

Our undergraduate program for majors offers excellent opportunities that we want you to know about. We have 26 faculty members and about 90 majors, so students can count on having outstanding contact with faculty in and out of class. Our department has major research programs in condensed matter physics and nanotechnology, optics and optical materials, solar physics and astrophysics, and general relativity and gravitational waves. All of our students can become involved in exciting research projects on the frontiers of physics, whether it involves manipulation of individual atoms or building a new type of solar telescope to be launched by NASA on a sounding rocket.

If interested, please fill out the application and return it to us. Remember we must receive the application by the due date on the application (late applications will be considered after the initial review only if there is funding still available). Please do not hesitate to contact the departmental office at (406) 994-3614, if you would like further information about our scholarships, our physics program, or anything else. Please drop in and pay us a visit.

Sincerely,

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