The Department of Physics provides an exciting, engaging, and rigorous educational environment that stresses relevant research, classroom learning incorporating peer instruction, and extensive hands-on training to prepare students for careers in the local or national high-tech and semiconductor industry, science education, in K-14 physics education, or advanced studies.

Focusing on graduate research, the department has an effective graduate curriculum that combines a solid physics foundation combined with extensive, hands-on training in state-of-the-art growth, nanofabrication and characterization research facilities. Graduate students perform competitive relevant research in a welcoming, supportive and diverse environment with an emphasis on developing professional abilities such as teamwork, project organization, and presentation and technical writing skills. Our master's graduates may apply to continue to an innovative, multidisciplinary Ph.D. program in materials science, engineering, and commercialization offered at Texas State.

Physics graduate faculty are engaged in externally funded, competitive, interdisciplinary research in condensed matter physics, materials physics, physics education, and astrophysics.

**Financial Assistance**

Most graduate students are supported as instructional or research assistants. Research assistants work with faculty on research and other special projects. Instructional assistants work with undergraduates in grading and in laboratory settings. Instructional assistantships are available and should be preferably submitted by the posted priority application deadline. Inquiries and/or applications for assistantships should be emailed to physicsgrad@txstate.edu or mailed to:

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