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Dear Prospective Student:

Our department has several openings and funding for new graduate students pursuing a PhD in Physics. We have well-funded, active research programs in atomic, molecular, and optical physics; soft matter and biological physics; physics education; experimental high energy physics, and cosmology. Research is carried out by a diverse group of faculty, postdocs, graduate students, and undergraduate students, many of whom have been nationally and internationally recognized for their teaching and research. We currently have 30 faculty and 57 graduate students, a ratio that ensures a high level of contact between faculty and students. Our graduate classes in physics at K-State are more than 50% international students.

We offer competitive assistantship stipends to everyone accepted into the program. Most students are given a teaching assistantship for their first year and become research assistants after that. In some cases it may be possible for applicants to receive a research assistantship for the summer before starting classes. Outstanding incoming students are also eligible for a substantial stipend supplement.

K-State is located in the city of Manhattan (also known as the “Little Apple”), in the heart of northeast Kansas’ scenic Flint Hills, 120 miles west of Kansas City. Manhattan has many urban amenities while retaining the best qualities of a small town. The strong international graduate student presence adds a lively cultural diversity to the college and community. Manhattan has been listed as one of the best small places for business and career (www.forbes.com/best-places-for-business/list/small/).

I have attached a poster describing our graduate program. Further details about ongoing research and graduate study opportunities as well as information on how to apply are available on our website at www.phys.ksu.edu/graduate/.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the phone or e-mail address below. If you would like to learn firsthand about the graduate experience here, we will arrange to have a current graduate student contact you as well.

Sincerely,



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