

Carleton

Department of Physics and Astronomy

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Greetings,

Congratulations on your acceptance to Carleton! Since you've indicated an interest in studying physics and/or astronomy, let me give you a brief [overview of our department and program](#).

Whether you're looking to make physics your major, studying physics as part of a pre-professional program, or just interested in physics and/or astronomy, our faculty can help you choose the [courses](#) that are right for you. We offer a broad range of electives to meet diverse student interests. There are also plenty of ways to connect with the department outside of the classroom. You might choose to participate in [research](#) either during the academic year or over a summer. You can attend events hosted at our [campus observatory](#), participate in scientific outreach to the local community, join our many physics and astronomy related clubs and activities, and hear talks from the outside experts that we regularly host. We are a social department, with many opportunities to get to know other students, faculty, and staff in the department, including at our weekly "physics table" lunches. We are a friendly bunch who don't take ourselves too seriously. Humor as a common element of our activities.

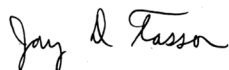
We take pride not only in our program, but in our [outstanding faculty](#). We are a diverse group of experimentalists, theorists, and astrophysicists, whose central priorities are teaching undergraduates and [creating an inclusive environment](#) welcoming to all members of the Carleton community.

Located within Carleton's interdisciplinary science complex, which includes a [student machine shop and a Maker Space](#), our department provides opportunities for hands-on building, making, and fabricating experiences. This has provided new and exciting opportunities for research and teaching collaborations across many disciplines including other STEM fields, social sciences, and the humanities.

We value our strong sense of community. Our classes are small, and our interactions personal. The depth and breadth of the coursework as well as the strong peer relationships students develop also contribute to this very strong community. Our department produces graduates who are ready to seek employment in a wide variety of fields including scientific, technical, medical, teaching, industry, journalism, and many other directions. We also graduate a significant number of students who go on to graduate school in a variety of disciplines including physics, medicine, engineering, astronomy, materials science, environmental sciences, law, and more. Carleton has proved to be a supportive and fun place to explore physics and astronomy!

Please write or call if I can be of further assistance and be sure to stop in to meet us and see our facilities when you visit campus!

Sincerely,



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