UC Merced is a member of the [Indiana University-MSI initiative](https://www.iu.edu), and I am writing as chair of the IU Bloomington Astronomy Department to ask you to share the information below with physics and astronomy students who might be interested.

The [APS Bridge Program 2021](https://aps.org/bridge) (deadline March 31) - The [IU Physics Department](https://phys.indiana.edu) hosts one of the “bridge to Ph.D.” programs sponsored by the American Physical Society. The program provides an individualized course of study featuring an array of laboratory-based courses. It emphasizes immersion in frontier research activities in both traditional and interdisciplinary fields of physics, including accelerator physics, astrophysics, biophysics, computational physics, condensed matter physics, elementary particle physics, gravitational physics, neutrino physics, nuclear physics, and quantum information science.

The [STEM Summer Scholars Institute: For Students: IU-MSI STEM Initiative: Indiana University](https://step.iu.edu) (sadly this Feb. 15 deadline for summer 2021 has now passed, but the program will be offered again for summer 2022) - This 8-week summer program provides an intensive research experience for undergraduate students at MSI partner institutions interested in pursuing a PhD following graduation. Applications for students interested in astronomy and physics research are most welcome.

[Campus Visits: Commitment to Diversity: About: The University Graduate School: Indiana University Bloomington](https://gradschool.iu.edu) (GU2IU flyer attached, deadline March 15 for the April program) - The “Getting You into Indiana University” (GU2IU) Program at IU Bloomington offers prospective Ph.D. and M.F.A students an opportunity to visit our campus, at no cost, to learn more about current research of our faculty and graduate students. Students also attend sessions on preparing competitive applications for graduate admission, how to thrive as a graduate student, and additional IU resources. All participants will receive an application fee waiver for IU Graduate School Ph.D and M.F.A programs. The spring, 2021, program will be held virtually as a one-day event.

Your assistance in bringing these programs to the attention of students is much appreciated.

With best wishes,
Caty Pilachowski
Chair, IU Astronomy
Dear Physics Community,

I hope that you’re as excited as we are for the upcoming virtual APS March Meeting! I’m writing today to make sure that you know about the exciting Future of Physics Days (FPD) events we have planned for undergraduate student attendees. Please share this email to help spread the word.

Not only does FPD offer undergrads the opportunity to present their research, but also a means to explore grad school and career options, and a place to network with the scientific community. Remember to forward this information to undergraduates in your network and encourage them to participate.

FPD events are co-sponsored by APS and the Society of Physics Students (SPS). Learn more about the mission of Future of Physics Days on the APS website. With questions, please feel free to reach Midhat Farooq at farooq@aps.org.

**Highlighted Events**

[Undergraduate Poster Session](#)
Tuesday, March 16
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Student Networking and Game Night: Physics Crossing--A Virtual Physics Odyssey**
Tuesday, March 16
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Grad School Fair**
Wednesday, March 17
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Building Your Physics Career: How to Put Your Science to WORK** (RSVP Required)
Thursday, March 18
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thanks for helping us spread the word!

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» Attend informational sessions on competitive applications, funding, and campus resources
» Virtually tour campus, laboratories, and research centers

Application Deadline: March 15th
Event Date: April 19th at 9 AM—5:30 PM EST

APPLY HERE:
https://go.iu.edu/3wrX

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