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Dear ASC Curriculum Committee,

Please find attached a revised curriculum proposal to launch a new interdisciplinary MS/PhD program in Quantum Information Science and Engineering. We have made a number of revisions (c.f. below) based on your initial feedback. The proposal and appendix documents (including revised course syllabi) are included in a single pdf file, with bookmarks to facilitate navigation for review.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your feedback,



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Attachments: QuGIP curriculum proposal 3Mar25.pdf

## Natural and Mathematical Sciences Subcommittee Feedback (responses in red)

11/07/24

1. New interdisciplinary MS and PhD in Quantum Information Science and Engineering
  - a. The Subcommittee notes that the proposal does not appear to mention responsible research training, which they believe is a requirement of the NSF NRT grant. The Subcommittee requests that the program proposers address this omission and provide information on how responsible research training will be incorporated.
    - i. We agree that RCR training is important, and have added this component to the required curriculum. Students will be required to take the GRADSCH 8000 course during their first year to satisfy RCR training requirements. This has been added to the relevant program requirements sections in the curriculum proposal and graduate handbook.
  - b. The Subcommittee notes that the proposal does not mention teaching assistant opportunities for QISE students at any stage, though TAs are anticipated for the courses. The Subcommittee is unclear on where these TAs will be sourced and asks that the proposers offer clarification on this issue.
    - i. Additional discussion was added to the ‘Summary of Supporting Resources’ section. Students will be supported to their degree through a combination of Fellowship, GTA and GRA funding, with a mix that depends on the faculty advisor and home department. *This mix varies significantly among the participating departments.* For example, GTA positions have already been confirmed for QuGIP students working with Math faculty, as this is standard practice in that Department. In other Departments, external funding is more substantial, and we anticipate that students will be supported as GRAs throughout their degree. QuGIP faculty will be responsible for confirming this funding plan (and contingency for Bridge funding) if they would like to advise a student in the program.
  - c. The proposal states that the MS program will be primarily delivered with in-person format, but asynchronous options will be encouraged for students balancing other responsibilities. The Subcommittee recommends that the proposers remove this reference to online options and suggests that distance learning be considered at a later time to avoid delaying the approval process. (Indeed, in order for courses to be offered online, these need to go through an additional DL approval process and that is currently not part of how the courses are being submitted.) With this, the Subcommittee encourages the proposers to consider offering in-person courses during non-traditional hours to accommodate the needs of these students. [Proposal p. 8]
    - i. This mention has been deleted
  - d. The Subcommittee notes that the MS and PhD programs are based on the same set of courses, with the primary distinction being whether students will engage in original research. The Subcommittee raises the concern of whether there are enough courses to sustain the programs individually or if there are other experiences that will be sufficient to set them apart.
    - i. We believe the PhD experience will be very distinct from the Masters thesis option, and certainly from the non-thesis MS. The greater duration of PhD allows for a much wider range of experiences, starting from



additional research rotations in their first year, to ~ 3+ years of sustained research in subsequent years. PhD students are also required to take two elective courses (compared to none for MS Thesis students). There will also be more time for sustained industry internships (1+ terms if desired). While internships are an option for MS thesis students, these are likely to be shorter and less common due to program funding limitations.

- e. The Subcommittee notes that course number 7999 is currently used in much of the proposal to represent research for both the MS and PhD programs. While it is accurate that 7999 is used for research for master's thesis, the University uses two other numbers at the PhD level: 8998 is used for pre-candidacy research for dissertation & 8999 is used for post-candidacy research for dissertation. Once in the proposal, on p. 161, QISE 8999 is mentioned as being the number for post-candidacy research, but that page also indicates that 7999 will be used for pre-candidacy research—thus erasing the distinction between 7999 for master's students and 8998 for pre-candidacy doctoral students. Please adjust the proposal where necessary, including the advising sheets at the end of the package.
    - i. This has been corrected and checked for consistency
  - f. The Subcommittee notes a discrepancy regarding degree paths for the MS program. The rationale section of the proposal outlines three paths towards the degree (course-based, project-based, or thesis-based), but the degree requirements section of the proposal presents only two options (course-focused and thesis-focused). The Subcommittee asks that this difference be reconciled to ensure consistency. [Proposal p. 8, 23]
    - i. The text on p8 was modified for consistency that there are only two MS options; non-thesis and thesis
2. QISE 7100
- a. Throughout the program proposal and the graduate handbook, this course is said to be 4 credits. Yet, the syllabus indicates it will be a 3-credit course and will only meet 3x55 min each week (p. 1).
    - i. We have updated the credit hours in the handbook to reflect that the courses are 3 credits. In the curriculum proposal, there are some legacy tables in the concurrence letters which hadn't been updated. These will be updated once the final content for concurrence letters is agreed on.
  - b. The Subcommittee asks that the course schedule list the required readings for each class session to provide students with a better understanding of the weekly workload and clarify which readings are aligned with each specific class. [Syllabus pp. 5-7]
    - i. We understand the concern that the same required textbook (Quantum Computation and Quantum Information by Nielsen and Chuang) is listed for all three core courses (QISE 7100, 7101, 7102). This is a substantial textbook (600+ pages) that is appropriate as a foundation for a two-semester graduate course sequence. In both QISE 7100 and 7101, instructor notes will also be provided that include supplementary content. For clarity, we have included the chapters covered in the QISE 7100 and 7101 syllabi, indicating that there is no overlap in the content that will be covered in these two courses. We have also dropped the text from the



QISE 7102 syllabus, since this course will be covering physical implementations that require a more current textbook.

- c. The reviewing faculty recommend that the unit use the most recent version of the university's diversity statement if they wish to keep it in the syllabus. The updated statement can be found in an easy to copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). [Syllabus p. 9]
    - i. Done
3. QISE 7101
- a. Throughout the program proposal and the graduate handbook, this course is said to be 4 credits. Yet, the syllabus indicates it will be a 3-credit course and will only meet 3x55 min each week (p. 2).
    - i. We have updated the credit hours in the handbook to reflect that the courses are 3 credits. In the curriculum proposal, there are some legacy tables in the concurrence letters which haven't been updated. These will be updated once the final content for concurrences is agreed on.
  - b. As it can be challenging to assess individual contributions when students work together on projects, the Subcommittee suggests that there be an opportunity for students to perhaps grade their group members or clearly identify the specific components of the final project they contributed to in order to provide accountability.
    - i. We agree this is a challenge. We have revised the discussion of the final project to clarify that students will be graded both on the team output and their own contributions. We have added a sentence indicating that peer-review of the learning materials developed as part of the project will be a part of the overall assessment. The presentation and written report will have defined sections to facilitate division of tasks for individual student assessment. In the description of the final project, we also specify that "Students will be graded on their individual contribution to this report, and division of tasks will be documented as part of the report."
  - c. The Subcommittee requests that the course include individual assessment as this does not appear to be a defined component of the course, even with the requirement for students to submit their own work when collaborating with others.
    - i. We have added additional language to the academic integrity and collaboration section making it clearer that students will be assessed based on their individual work in each of the grade items in the course. For example, students may discuss if one or more are stuck on a step in a homework problem, but each student is required to submit the fully worked out solution on their own.
  - d. The Subcommittee requests that the department provide clarification on how the same textbook will be utilized across QISE 7100-7102 Including the specific readings for each class session within the course schedule in the syllabus would help demonstrate that the text will effectively support each course. [Syllabus pp. 6-7]
    - i. C.f. answer above; The chapters covered in the required textbook by Nielsen and Chuang have been added to the QISE 7100 and 7101 syllabi to differentiate them.



- e. Given the strict participation expectations, the Subcommittee recommends including a brief section in the syllabus outlining potential exceptions in special circumstances. [Syllabus p. 2]
    - i. We have added clarifying language (p4) that students with a valid excused absence can arrange with the instructor for extra time or make-up activities.
  - f. If a rubric exists for the weekly reflections, the Subcommittee requests that it be shared. Providing this rubric would offer students clear guidance on the assignment expectations.
    - i. These are only graded for completeness and not in detail. We have added clarifying language to this effect on p4.
  - g. It appears that language regarding exams has been carried over from another syllabus. Since there are no exams in this course, the Subcommittee recommends removing this section. [Syllabus p. 5]
    - i. done
  - h. The syllabus states that the course is divided into weekly modules, with each module released a week ahead of time. This language also appears to be a remnant from another syllabus and does not seem relevant to the delivery of this course, so the Subcommittee also recommends removing this language. [Syllabus p. 2]
    - i. done
  - i. The reviewing faculty recommend that the department use the most recent version of the university's diversity statement if they wish to keep it in the syllabus. The updated statement can be found in an easy to copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). [Syllabus p. 9]
    - i. done
4. QISE 7102
- a. The Subcommittee requests that the department provide clarification on how the same textbook will be utilized across QISE 7100-7102. Including the specific readings for each class session within the course schedule in the syllabus would help demonstrate that the text will effectively support each course without redundancy. [Syllabus pp. 4-5]
    - i. We have dropped the Nielsen and Chuang textbook as a requirement for the course. Although this is a useful reference, a more current book is needed since this course will focus on physical systems for qubits, a topic that continues to rapidly evolve. The required text for this course provides a more up-to-date snapshot of the field.
  - b. The reviewing faculty recommend that the department use the most recent version of the university's diversity statement if they wish to keep it in the syllabus. The updated statement can be found in an easy to copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). [Syllabus p. 7]
    - i. done
5. QISE 7111
- a. The reviewing faculty recommend that the department use the most recent version of the university's diversity statement if they wish to keep it in the syllabus. The updated statement can be found in an easy to copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). [Syllabus p. 4]



- i. done
- 6. QISE 7112
  - a. The reviewing faculty recommend that the department use the most recent version of the university's diversity statement if they wish to keep it in the syllabus. The updated statement can be found in an easy to copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). [Syllabus p. 4]
    - i. done
- 7. QISE 7113
  - a. Credit and contact hours:
    - i. P. 160 of the program proposal indicates that this course will be offered as 1+ credits. However, the syllabus indicates it will be offered by 3-credit hour increments (p.1). Please reconcile the two statements.
    - ii. Furthermore, p. 1 of the syllabus indicates that this course will be delivered in 7 weeks. If this is correct, then the students should expect 6 hours per week per credit hour (instead of the stated 3). The next sentence should then read "For research rotations, this translates to **18-20** hours per week during the rotation" (instead of the stated 9-10).
      - 1. Consideration of this question led us to settle on 1.5 credit increments for the rotations during the 7-week session. Students may retake the course in subsequent sessions for more rotations with other groups, or can take the course for 3 or 4.5 credits for a more sustained effort during one rotation.
  - b. Since this course will be repeated by students, the Subcommittee suggests that the proposers remove the "1<sup>st</sup> Year" from the course title. As the required core courses for the PhD degree references 15+ required credits of 7113, students will be repeating this course beyond their first year.
    - i. This course will only be taken by first year students. We have adjusted the required credits appropriately so that MS and PhD students can fulfill this requirement in their first year while also taking the required courses.
  - c. The Subcommittee requests that the software statement in the syllabus be revised to specify that the course software will depend on the particular lab. Additionally, they recommend identifying the possible software options that may be used, providing students with an idea of the tools they will encounter. [Syllabus p. 2]
    - i. done
  - d. The reviewing faculty recommend that the department use the most recent version of the university's diversity statement if they wish to keep it in the syllabus. The updated statement can be found in an easy to copy/paste format on the [Arts and Sciences Curriculum and Assessment Services website](#). [Syllabus p. 4]
    - i. done

Proposal for an Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Quantum  
Information Science and Engineering

The Ohio State University, College of Arts and Sciences and College of Engineering

**Mode of delivery:** on campus

**Participating Departments:** Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Materials Science Engineering, Mathematics, Physics.



## Executive Summary

We propose to develop and launch **QuGIP**, a new Interdisciplinary Graduate Program at Ohio State University (OSU), focused on quantum information science and engineering (QISE). The launch phase of this program (up to AY 2028-29) will be supported by an NSF NRT award, which will directly fund 25 trainees with first year fellowships, approximately 7-10 Masters students, and 15-18 PhD students. While an increasing number of QISE programs have emerged in recent years, these are often hosted in traditional units such as Physics Departments. However, the grand challenges in QISE research, and the national need for a quantum workforce, require a more interdisciplinary approach. Toward that end, QuGIP features a team of faculty leaders in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Engineering (Electrical and Computer, Computer Science, Materials Science), and will be administratively housed under the OSU Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering (CQISE). QuGIP will feature a compact common core of QISE courses, enabled by graduate modules to accommodate variations in student preparation from these disciplines. QuGIP students will develop a common vernacular and teaming skills through the compact core sequence, 1<sup>st</sup>-year research rotations across disciplines, informal community building and industry engagement. Skill-building in ethics, technical writing and communication will be integrated in both classroom and research activities. QuGIP students will thus be uniquely prepared to make new insights and research connections that would not otherwise occur. The QuGIP curriculum is structured to prepare and facilitate transition of QuGIP students to externally-funded research assistantship positions with a primary faculty advisor after the first year. This leverages, and will help expand, the portfolio of QISE research at OSU.

QuGIP will make broader impacts as envisioned in the National Quantum Workforce Strategic plan, through interdisciplinary research to solve grand challenges in QISE, with broad dissemination in national networks and by training a diverse quantum workforce. In addition to the directly-funded trainees, we estimate another 10-20 degree students will be funded from other sources such as assistantships and competitively awarded university fellowships. In their research at OSU, QuGIP students will work at the forefront in QISE and will be well prepared to translate their experiences to other problems, applications and fields after graduating. As a new model for inclusive graduate training, QuGIP will feature holistic admissions and a flexible specialization structure that facilitates industry engagement and professional development. The QuGIP course curricula will be designed with evidence-based methods and implemented with expert guidance from the OSU Drake Institute of Teaching and Learning. QuGIP courses will be available as electives to graduate students in existing programs, and based on experience with pilot courses, we estimate another 50-75 students will take QuGIP courses during the launch period. The QuGIP model will be broadly disseminated by leveraging OSU membership in national networks, including QuSTEAM, the Chicago Quantum Exchange, and the NSF INCLUDES: Inclusive Graduate Education Network. Lastly, QuGIP will help fill a critical need for a *quantum workforce*, as nearly 60% of OSU graduates take positions in industry, and the top employers of OSU graduates: Google, Intel, and Amazon all have made substantial investments in QISE and Central Ohio. QuGIP students will benefit from a network spanning these large industry partners down to small quantum startups, and will have the broad skillset to develop quantum technologies and solve societal needs.



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## PROGRAM EVOLUTION

### **Projected impacts**

Impact on OSU: Quantum information science and engineering is a rapidly developing field in STEM that has captured the attention of the general public, large and small technology companies, government and education. QuGIP will be an innovative 21<sup>st</sup> century graduate program featuring interdisciplinary courses designed with evidence-based methods, holistic admissions practices to broaden participation, and seamless integration with industry, nonprofit and national lab experiences. The proposed program will position OSU in the vanguard of institutions developing QISE degree programs and will be visible and attractive to a growing number of students and professionals seeking training in this area. We anticipate positive impacts on collaborative research in quantum at OSU, which will be evidenced by external funding and high impact publications.

Impacts to OSU students in other graduate programs: QuGIP courses will be available and appropriate for STEM graduate students to take as electives. Modular content providing the necessary background in e.g. linear algebra and quantum mechanics will already be developed, and could help students from other disciplines build a foundation in quantum as well.

Impacts to OSU undergraduate students: OSU undergraduate students will benefit from an increased development of interdisciplinary research opportunities that QuGIP will help foster. There are also natural synergies between the proposed graduate program, and the QuSTEAM undergraduate minor program, which is currently under development. For example, quantum-related seminars, internships and professional development opportunities will be disseminated to both communities.

Impacts on participating units (c.f. Appendix for Concurrence letters): As cohort sizes will be small (at most 10 PhD + 10 MS students / year), QuGIP is expected to have small or negligible impact on graduate recruiting to the 6 participating Departments (Physics, Math, Chemistry and Biochemistry, ECE, MSE, CSE). Physics for example, currently attracts a handful of applicants interested in QISE. The establishment of QuGIP would give these students a second option at OSU, and will likely increase the chances of OSU to attract these students. The new program will moreover, develop new recruiting pipelines to increase the number of applicants to OSU. The program will also likely positively impact faculty research programs, through the development of new interdisciplinary projects in quantum science and increased competitiveness for the growing pool of external funding in quantum at DOE, NSF and other federal agencies. In addition, we anticipate that the increased interactions among faculty and students in the participating departments will also seed collaborative efforts not directly related in quantum science, and thus could have additional impacts on research and education.



Impacts to other units: Though the field is still at an early stage, it is likely there will be corollary benefits of QISE research to other programs at OSU. For example, quantum sensing has a broad range of potential applications from medical imaging to geodesy. Quantum cryptography has a similarly broad range of applications in finance and national security. We thus expect that the program will help grow a dense network of collaborative work between participating faculty and those in other units. No negative impacts are anticipated.

### **Review process**

This QuGIP Curriculum proposal has been reviewed and approved by the following academic units:

OSU Departments (c.f. appendix for concurrence letters):

- Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
- Department of Computer Science and Engineering
- Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Department of Materials Science Engineering
- Department of Mathematics
- Department of Physics



### **Stakeholder input**

This curriculum proposal was informed by numerous discussions with faculty and students in the participating Departments, the broader OSU STEM community, and in collaboration with other universities through NSF-sponsored events. Included in the appendix are some examples including:

- NSF National Research Traineeship Annual Meeting (Oct 29-31, 2023, hosted by Arizona State University): The NSF NRT program makes training grant awards in a broad range of fields, including quantum-related NRTs at University of Washington, UCSB, Univ. Arkansas, Univ. Tennessee, Colorado School of Mines and Yale. QuGIP Director Gupta attended this meeting, and is coordinating a satellite meeting in 2024 with the other quantum NRTs to share best practices in quantum education and training.
- OSU Center for QISE Quantum Collaborators Kickoff Meeting (Sep 22, 2023). This meeting provided an opportunity for networking and to learn about the quantum activity occurring across the University and regionally. QuGIP presented a poster at this meeting, and QuGIP personnel were available for questions and discussions from attendees.
- Open solicitations to faculty in the participating departments: Shortly after the NSF NRT award was made public, we sent out emails to faculty lists announcing the award and soliciting input. The co-PIs on the NSF proposal are serving as points of contact for these interactions.
- Weekly QuGIP happy hours – these informal get togethers of the QuGIP leadership team have helped build a sense of community among stakeholders, and inspired creative brainstorming for program components.
- Outreach to expanded base of participating faculty: To build a broad base of support for the program (and advisors for QuGIP students), emails were sent out to participating faculty and soliciting input and suggestions.
- Informal discussions with students: QuGIP faculty have had numerous informal discussions with students at OSU and externally about the program. In particular, suggestions for program components and feedback were solicited in these interactions.
- Preliminary discussions with OSU leadership: the proposal has been informed by discussions with the OSU Graduate School (Dean Stromberger and Associate Dean Miriti), Office of Academic Affairs (Vice Provost Smith), ASC (Dean Horn, Assistant Dean Vankeerbergen), and CoE (Associate Deans Tomasko and Stiner-Jones).



### SUMMARY OF SUPPORTING RESOURCES

The administrative and research infrastructure are in place to support the proposed program. Here we provide a bulleted list, with links to the relevant sections below.

Administrative infrastructure: The OSU Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering (CQISE) will be the administrative home for the new graduate program, administering admissions, student tracking and finances. Discussed further [here](#).

Financial support: QuGIP will make every effort to ensure students are supported financially throughout their degree. Discussed in more detail in the Graduate Handbook (Section 6), NSF funding will provide first year fellowships to all MS and PhD students admitted into the program through AY28-29 (budget: \$3M / 5 years from 2023-2028 + planned 1 year no-cost extension). As described in the Appendix, NSF funding includes 1 yr fellowships for 25 trainees, the program coordinator position, curriculum development (faculty teaching buyout, OSU Drake Institute of Teaching and Learning) and program evaluation (Strategic Evaluations LLC.). As the program becomes well established, we expect to admit ~ 8 PhD and 6 MS students per year as a sustained target. MOUs for supporting and sustaining the program starting in AY29-30 will be negotiated with ASC And CoE during the approval process. More detailed budget information can be found [here](#).

Non-thesis MS students will be able to finish their degree by the end of their first year, while thesis MS students will be supported via a funding plan developed by their advisor for any subsequent terms. PhD students in subsequent years will be supported through a combination of Fellowships, GTA and GRA appointments. Ohio State hosts a variety of externally funded research efforts that would be appropriate for QuGIP student dissertation work. As the mix of available positions varies widely among the participating departments and faculty, a funding plan will be developed for each student, starting from the initial recruitment, and informing the choice of research advisor. QuGIP faculty will be responsible for confirming this funding plan (and contingency for Bridge funding) if they would like to advise a student in the program.

Research infrastructure support: Students in the new program will benefit from and contribute to the strong culture of collaborative and interdisciplinary research at OSU that is nurtured by OSU Centers, including CQISE, the Ohio State University Institute for Materials and Manufacturing Research, and the OSU Center for Emergent Materials (CEM). The research by QuGIP students will benefit from the extensive network of equipment and computational facilities at OSU. Examples include the Ohio Supercomputing Center (OSC), NanoSystems Laboratory (NSL), Semiconductor Epitaxy and Analysis Laboratory (SEAL), Center for Electron Microscopy and Analysis (CEMAS), Nanotech West Laboratory (NTW), the NSF NeXUS facility, the Campus Chemical Instrumentation Center (CCIC). These Centers and Facilities are discussed in more detail [here](#).



## PROGRAM NARRATIVE - BASIC CHARACTERISTICS

### Purpose

The National Quantum Initiative Act was signed into law in 2018 “to accelerate quantum research and development for the economic and national security of the United States.” Representing a community consensus developed through subsequent workshops and planning roundtables, the 2022 U.S. National Strategic Overview for Quantum Information Science and Engineering (QISE) calls for (i) QISE to be recognized as its own discipline, calling for new faculty, programs and initiatives, (ii) a *science-first approach* fostering collaboration across disciplines to solve Grand Challenges in QISE, and (iii) *deepened engagement* with industry for workforce development.

To meet this national need, we propose to launch one of the *first* QISE MS/PhD programs in the U.S. at The Ohio State University. This program leverages and will reinforce federal, university and regional investments in QISE. These include an NSF-funded training award to OSU, the OSU Center for QISE, cross-cutting faculty hires in quantum science, and partnership programs such as StarLab and the OSU/Air Force Institute of Technology Intercity Quantum Network. As QISE spans algorithms, fundamental physics, and hardware implementations from atoms to architectures, a new approach to graduate education is needed so that students in physics, chemistry, mathematics and engineering (electrical, computer, and materials) can combine efforts to solve complex Grand Challenges in the field. Our program will build a common vernacular to overcome structural barriers to interdisciplinary graduate education, is developed with evidence-based methods from the start and will accelerate the transition to experiential learning through research and industry internships. In addition to technical content learning outcomes, the program places equal priority on our students developing communication skills and a moral compass for ‘quantum ethics’, so they can become leaders in industry, government and academia.

### Program focus

The proposed graduate program will provide students with foundational coursework and accelerate their transition to experiential learning through quantum science research and industry graduate internships. Not only will these students have the interdisciplinary and professional skills needed for the quantum workforce, but they will also help OSU faculty who are interested in pivoting some of their research activity into this field. The proposed curriculum will feature a compact core of four graduate-level QISE courses with content specifically designed to accommodate students with Bachelor’s degrees in Chemistry, Physics, Math, Computer Science and Engineering, Materials Science Engineering or Electrical and Computer Engineering. Students will be recruited into one of four program specializations that integrate advanced elective courses, research rotations and experiential learning opportunities. The Quantum Computing specialization is focused on the development, implementation and scaling of



quantum algorithms for solving complex problems and error correction. The Quantum Networking and Communication specialization is focused on the transportation and multiplexing of quantum information using elements such as photonics and microwave cavities. The Quantum Simulation specialization is focused on quantum-enabled methods to better understand physical systems whose complexity exceeds even the best classical high performance computing algorithms. Lastly, the Quantum Materials and Sensing specialization is focused on the physical materials (solid state and molecular) used for quantum bits, sensors and storage. These specializations will be included on student diplomas to highlight the specific content and experiential knowledge students gain in the program.

### **Rationale**

Graduate degrees in Quantum Information Science and Engineering demonstrate proficiency in an interdisciplinary curriculum that requires strong communication skills and an active growth mindset for continued learning as the field evolves. Depending on their career goals, Masters students may choose either thesis- or non-thesis degree experiences (described further below). PhD students will have demonstrated the sustained ability to generate new knowledge and identify future directions in quantum science and engineering. At both levels, the degree and specialization certifications will be attractive for employers in industry, government and academia.

### **Duration of Program**

Example curricula for Masters and PhD students are discussed in more detail [here](#).

Course requirements: A minimum of 30 (80) credit hours will be required for Masters (PhD) degree recipients. These requirements are consistent with the OSU Graduate School, and national expectations for graduate education in related STEM fields. Of these credit hours, at least 15 credit hours will be for foundational graduate coursework, at least 6 credits will be for seminar-style professional development courses (ethics, writing, journal club), and at least 9 credit hours will be for experiential learning (research, internships).

Time to degree: Depending on their preparation and career goals, the Masters degree program can be completed by students in 3-6 semester terms, typically 1-2 academic years. With its greater focus on original research, PhD degrees will typically take 15-18 semester terms (5-6 academic years). The time to degree will be similar for the four program Specializations. MS and PhD students will enter the program in a cohort taking the graduate core courses and seminars, but will progress through the program at rates determined by their career goals and research program. PhD students will be required to pass a candidacy exam with written and oral components before they can focus on dissertation-related research (~ 12-15 terms), and will also have an internship experience (1-2 terms). Students will be enrolled in the program full-time, and will be supported with fellowships in their first year, and with Research or Teaching Assistantships



in following years, depending on the Departmental affiliation of their primary faculty advisor. These degree times and support models are typical for STEM programs at OSU and nationally.

### **Admission timing**

The program will recruit one cohort of students per year, to start classes in Autumn semester. The admissions application will be launched the preceding Autumn semester, and review of the applications will be conducted by a Graduate Admissions Committee on a rolling basis after the application submission deadline (Dec 15<sup>th</sup>). MS and PhD applications will be considered separately, with a number of slots for each degree type that will be based on program priorities as determined by the QuGIP Director and *Graduate Studies Committee*.

### **Primary target audience**

PhD work necessarily requires a substantial and focused full-time commitment, but the PhD program will be open to traditional and non-traditional students who are willing and able to make this commitment. While PhD research in QISE (both experimental and theoretical) requires on campus engagement to work in labs and collaborations, the program will support dynamic work options based on student needs.

The Masters program will have a more flexible structure to allow for a greater variety of workforce outcomes, such as K-12 education, industry technician, government data analyst and startup entrepreneurs. In addition to students coming into the program straight from their Bachelors institution, we will actively recruit professionals in related industries by leveraging existing relationships.

Admissions will be conducted through the OSU Office of Graduate Education, and students will meet Graduate School requirements, including a 3.0 GPA and an official transcript showing proof-of-degree completion. As there are few Bachelors degree programs in QISE, students recruited into the program will typically have Bachelors degrees and minors in the related disciplines: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Engineering (Electrical and Computer, Materials Science, Computer Science). The admissions process will include rubric-based, holistic review of written applications which will include a personal statement describing student motivations for applying to the program, challenges overcome and future goals and at least three letters of recommendation. All international applications whose native language is not English will be required to take the TOEFL test and provide an official score report. In addition to the written materials, admissions will be based on Zoom interviews conducted by the Graduate Admissions Committee. These interviews will help assess student non-cognitive factors, research interests and identify potential faculty advisors.

During the NSF-funded launch phase of the program (up to AY28/29), applicants must be eligible for NRT Fellowship funding, which stipulates that trainees are US Citizens, nationals or



permanent residents. International students may come in self-funded, or with their own fellowship funding.

### Broadening participation

Context: Ohio State ranks #10 nationally in STEM PhD degrees awarded annually, with an average of 460 graduate degrees per year in the six participating departments, according to the NSF NCSES. Program diversity remains a challenge however, as only 22% of these degrees are awarded to female students, and 15% to students from underrepresented minority (URM) groups (c.f. Table 1). Focused attention in recent years on improving diversity has led to dramatic improvements that are now starting to show up in degrees awarded. For example, since the OSU Physics Bridge Program was launched in 2013 as one of the first sites funded by the American Physical Society, URM participation has grown from a 5% historical average up to 24%, well above the 10% national average for Physics. The Physics Bridge program has matriculated 33 students since 2013, with 15 currently at OSU and 7 graduated PhDs. The NSF INCLUDES: IGEN network helps extend this model to other disciplines through professional society partnerships, and OSU is the only institution nationally to host 3 IGEN Bridge Programs (Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Earth Sciences). Participating faculty in the proposed program are active in these efforts, and will translate lessons learned in recruiting and retention to the new program.

Program	Enrollment			Admissions			Retention			Degree Attainment (PhD only)					
	Total #/yr	% Fem	% URM	Total #/yr	% Fem	% URM	Time to PhD (yr)		Completion OSU	Total OSU	% Female			% URM	
							OSU	US			OSU	OSU	OSU	US	OSU
Physics	210.2	19.2%	22.1%	36.4	18.7%	24.4%	5.9	6	76.8%	30	14%	19%	11%	7%	
Chemistry	263.6	40.3%	13.7%	54.2	39.5%	14.4%	5.3	5.3	71.9%	36.4	41%	40%	12%	10%	
Mathematics	145.2	19.0%	12.6%	31.4	28.0%	24.4%	5.9	5.6	77.5%	15	12%	29%	6%	9%	
ECE	418.6	18.1%	11.7%	109.4	21.4%	17.9%	5.7	5.4	73.1%	43	15%	17%	19%	12%	
CSE	275.4	18.6%	9.4%	67.2	23.2%	5.6%	5.7	5.8	64.9%	27.2	14%	21%	0%	9%	
MSE	209.4	25.6%	14.5%	38.2	31.4%	22.1%	5.3	5	65.5%	21	22%	28%	11%	10%	

**Table 1.** Demographic data from participating departments. OSU data are 5-year averages, calculated from dashboard data from OSU Graduate School, compiled as part of the Coalition for Next Generation Life Science. Underrepresented Minority (URM) percentages are calculated with respect to the total domestic student populations. National data are for 2020, compiled from NSF National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics.

Recruiting plan: Our recruiting goal is to consistently attract a diverse pool of applicants to the QISE program by leveraging our substantial existing networks. The Physics and Chemistry Bridge programs draw on the NSF IGEN network, which provides a nationwide common application designed to overcome structural barriers to participation that impact groups marginalized by race, gender, socioeconomic status and geography. In 2022, the IGEN pool featured 189 applications, with at least 30 students expressing interest in QISE or related areas. OSU is also a founding member of the Open Quantum Initiative summer research program hosted by the Chicago Quantum Exchange network, which is aimed at specifically improving representation in QISE. In 2022, there were 155 applicants for this program, including 70% URM and 33% first generation students, with majors including Physics (35), Engineering (45) and 50+ double majors



with various combinations (Physics/Math, Computer Science/Physics etc.). OSU has hosted 6 summer students since the program launched in 2021. In addition, we will recruit at society conferences such as SACNAS, NSBP etc., to further attract applications from a diverse pool.

Retention through graduation: The participating Departments in QuGIP have demonstrated a commitment to degree attainment, with an average of over 70% of students achieving their PhD degrees, while maintaining a time-to-degree consistent with disciplinary national averages (c.f., Table 1). To achieve our target of at least 80% degree attainment, QuGIP will leverage and uniformly apply mentoring best practices that have grown from OSU engagement with networks such as the National Math Alliance and the APS IDEA. For example, peer, near peer and faculty mentoring networks will be established for each student when they first arrive on campus, ensuring they have a diverse support system that has been proven critical for degree attainment. Students will also assemble a dissertation committee that will conduct annual reviews with the student to ensure steady progress to degree and help navigate difficult discussions with the primary faculty advisor that may arise.



## PROGRAM NARRATIVE - INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING

### Physical Infrastructure

Organizational infrastructure: The OSU Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering (CQISE) will serve as the administrative home of the new graduate program. Sufficient office space for the program students will be provided by the participating departments. Student research needs (e.g. primary laboratory space, computing clusters etc.), will be provided as per their dissertation advisor. Participating faculty (c.f. Appendix A) have the extensive infrastructure already in place for cutting-edge research in quantum information science and engineering.

Students in the new program will benefit from and contribute to the strong culture of collaborative and interdisciplinary research at OSU among the participating departments. For example, CQISE sponsors a variety of community-building programs, including seminars, project seed funding, and networking events with regional industries. In addition to CQISE, the Ohio State University Institute for Materials and Manufacturing Research is a campus-wide, multidisciplinary institute that facilitates, promotes and coordinates research activities and infrastructure related to the science and engineering of materials throughout The Ohio State University. IMR's community-building activities include a Distinguished Lecture series, and the annual Materials Week conference, which draws several hundred attendees from both academia and industry. Students will also benefit from externally-funded centers, such as the OSU Center for Emergent Materials (CEM), one of the flagship materials centers sponsored by the NSF which has 20+ participating faculty at OSU in Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Materials Science and Mechanical Engineering. CEM hosts a variety of seminar speakers, technical workshops, outreach events and professional development opportunities.

New opportunities in quantum infrastructure: QuGIP students will have the opportunity to contribute to regional investments in quantum infrastructure. For example, a team at OSU is leading the development of an intercity quantum network with the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) in Dayton. This project has just received a congressionally-directed three year, \$1M award. Quantum communication may also play a role in the new StarLab venture, led by a team comprising OSU, The Universities Space Research Association, Zin Technologies, and the International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation. This effort has been chosen by Voyager Space to build terrestrial analogue laboratories to help guide the development of a commercial space station.

OSU research user facilities: The dissertation research by QuGIP students will benefit from the extensive network of equipment and computational facilities at OSU. Examples include the Ohio Supercomputing Center (OSC), NanoSystems Laboratory (NSL), Semiconductor Epitaxy and Analysis Laboratory (SEAL), Center for Electron Microscopy and Analysis (CEMAS), Nanotech West Laboratory (NTW), the NSF NeXUS facility, the Campus Chemical Instrumentation Center (CCIC). These user facilities employ technicians and engineers to support training and project execution as needed by the research community. Some examples of relevant capabilities for student researchers in the quantum graduate program include:

- The Ohio Supercomputer Center empowers researchers via high performance computing, advanced networking, and training resources; partners with leading scientific



investigators in developing joint proposals to regional, national, and international organizations; and leads research activities of strategic interest to OSC, the state, and the country.

- NSL has a 1,500 sq. ft. class 1000 cleanroom and operates the following instruments: 1) an optical lithography maskless aligner, 2) a Kurt Lesker sputtering/ion-milling/e-beam evaporation system, 3) an ICP-RIE, 4) an FEI Helios dual-beam FIB/SEM with e-beam lithography, 5) a Bruker triple-axis x-ray diffraction system, 6) two AFM/MFM systems, 7) two Quantum Design 7-T SQUID magnetometers, 8) a Quantum Design 14-T PPMS, 9) a Magneto-Optical Kerr Effect Microscope, 10) a diamond CVD System, 11) a low-temperature flow cryostat magneto-transport system, 12) a Montana Instrument cryogen-free magneto-optical system, 13) a Bruker Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) spectrometer, 14) a suite of microwave instruments including network analyzers, signal generators, and amplifier.

- SEAL is OSU's primary facility for MBE and is located within the 4,000 sq. ft. Drees Lab Cleanroom. SEAL houses 6 state-of-the art MBE chambers each dedicated to different, complementary material systems, including group IV and III-V (III-As, III-P, III-N, and III-Sb) semiconductor epitaxial heterostructures, and TMD 2D materials for both basic studies and true device development.

- CEMAS operates two FEI Titan Scanning Transmission Electron Microscopes (S/TEM), one FEI Tecnai S/TEM, one FEI Tecnai G2 TEM, two Apreo Scanning Electron Microscopes (SEM), one FEI SEM, Two FEI dual-beam FIB/SEMs, and two Rigaku XRD systems.

- NTW is the largest nanotechnology user facility in Ohio and supports more than 100 research and development projects per year for commercial, government, and academic clients including many external users. NTW consists of a 6,000 sq. ft. class 100 cleanroom and possesses the following capabilities for 4" wafers: MOCVD, ALD, LPCVD, PECVD, e-beam evaporation and sputter deposition, ICP-RIE, ashing, and wet chemical etching.

- NSF NeXUS is a first-of-its-kind facility for ultrafast science, funded and maintained at OSU in partnership with the National Science Foundation. A kW-class laser drives the generation of extreme ultraviolet (XUV) and soft x-ray pulses with durations from femtoseconds to attoseconds. NeXUS has a "beamline" arrangement so that three distinct XUV beams, each with its own time and spectral characteristics, can be generated from a single laser. The laser and XUV pulses are then coupled into an "end station" that directly support user measurements. The NeXUS System is being built with multiple end stations to support user measurements of angle-resolve photoelectron spectroscopy (ARPES), element-specific scanning tunneling microscopy (STM), x-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS), x-ray reflection spectroscopy (XRS), attosecond science, and laser induced electron diffraction (LIED). All of these measurements can be time resolved using combinations of the laser and XUV pulses.

- The CCIC hosted by the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry hosts a wide range of analytical equipment for magnetic resonance, surface analysis, x-ray crystallography, mass spectrometry and ultrafast dynamics measurements.

## Market Demand

Though this will be the one of the first stand-alone MS/PhD programs in QISE in the U.S., there is ample evidence that others will soon follow, and will be in demand to meet societal need and student interests. At the societal level, the National Quantum Initiative Act signed into law



in 2018 represents an ‘all of government’ approach to develop quantum technologies for future economic growth and national security. Substantial federal investments in QISE have been made through the NSF, DOE and DOD, and include awards for fundamental research, technology transfer and workforce development. These investments are matched by industry research and development, including by leading information technology companies such as Intel, Google, IBM, Microsoft, Amazon, and Meta. A variety of other large companies such as JP Morgan Chase, Corning, Applied Materials, and Boeing and startups are interested in recruiting talent in this area as well. To grow this ‘quantum ecosystem’, regional hubs have been established in recent years, led for example by the Chicago Quantum Exchange, which facilitates exchange among academic (including OSU), national lab and industry partners. Recent job postings attest to the rapidly growing opportunities in this field.

The growing employment opportunities (c.f. Appendix) and rapid progress publicized in the media (such as IBM’s 1000 qubit report (12/4/2023) and Google’s quantum supremacy report (10/23/2019) are catalyzing growing student interest in QISE. This is directly evidenced by two of the recruiting pools OSU faculty have helped establish: the Open Quantum Initiative (OQI) and the Inclusive Graduate Education Network (IGEN). Launched in 2021, the OQI is an innovative, multi-institution summer research program for undergraduate students interested in QISE that draws on a diverse pool nationally. For example, there were 155 applicants to OQI summer research program in 2023 from all over the country, up 20% from the inaugural summer 2022. These students applied from a variety of institutions, ranging from large R1 universities (Berkeley, Illinois) to primarily undergraduate institutions (Rhodes College, Kenyon College), and had a range of majors, including Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, with many double-majoring in various combinations. In addition to the ~ 20 OQI Fellows selected to participate in the program, we can draw on the full applicant pool for recruiting students to the proposed graduate program at OSU.

Ohio State’s mission for undergraduate and graduate education plays a crucial role in connecting societal needs and student interests. OSU is leading the development of a quantum minor program at the undergraduate level through the NSF-funded QuSTEAM network (<https://qusteam.org/>). QuSTEAM is a non-profit, membership-based organization serving a network of academic institutions and industry employers. The purpose is to facilitate the national scale-up of equitable and effective undergraduate quantum education by building and supporting a collaborative network of academic institutions (currently 30+), private sector employers, and a community of instructors. Ohio State has also invested heavily in QISE, including the establishment of CQISE in 2022 and faculty cluster hiring in Physics, Math, Chemistry and Biochemistry and Computer Science Engineering. The establishment of a graduate QISE degree program will help integrate and expand these efforts. Not only will the program spur the development of new QISE courses that will be available for STEM graduate students, but the



dissertation research of MS and PHD students in the program will lead to a growing portfolio of new experiential learning opportunities including industry internships.

## PROGRAM NARRATIVE - STATEWIDE ALTERNATIVES

Faculty leaders have been polled at other universities in Ohio, including University of Cincinnati, Case Western Reserve and Ohio University. None of these universities currently have QISE degree programs, although all have developed QISE-related courses.

QuGIP will be one of the first dedicated and interdisciplinary MS/PhD programs in the U.S., but there are a number of related programs that have launched in the last few years which provide models for the proposed program (c.f. Table). The closest program is the University of Chicago’s degree program in Molecular Engineering, which has a QISE-related degree Specialization. Like our proposed program, the Chicago program is highly interdisciplinary. Other programs are usually housed in traditional departments like Physics, and/or only offer the Masters degree or Graduate Minors/Certificates. Thus, the establishment of a stand-alone MS/PhD QISE program at a land-grant institution such as Ohio State will provide a national model for graduate education in this field.

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Degree name</b>	<b>Host Unit (if applicable)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Univ. Chicago	PhD in Quantum Science and Engineering	Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering	stand-alone, interdisciplinary, launched 2021
Harvard	PhD in QSE	n/a	stand-alone, interdisciplinary, first cohort in AY22-23
USC	MS in QIS	ECE	takes in BS from Chem, CS, ECE, Math, Physics
Univ. Washington	Grad Certificate in QISE	n/a	participating faculty in Phys, Chem, ECE, CSE, MSE
Univ. Wisconsin - Madison	MS Physics - Quantum Computing Specialization	Physics	separate admissions from Physics PhD program, can finish program in 1 calendar year
Univ. Arizona	MS in QISE	Optical Sciences	Specialization within program
George Mason	MS in Physics w/ QISE concentration	Physics	
UCLA	MS of Quantum Science and Technology	Physics & Astronomy	
CO School of Mines	MS in Quantum Engineering	n/a	has hard/soft specializations, also Thesis, nonthesis, certificate versions



Univ. Rhode Island	MS in Quantum Computing	Physics	
Duke	Master of Science, Master of Engineering	ECE	Quantum Software/Hardware specializations as part of the two MS programs

1. **Address appropriateness of specific locale for the new program.** *For example, are you uniquely serving a region?*

OSU is centrally located in Ohio, both geographically and scientifically and is a top 10 producer of STEM graduate degrees. OSU also benefits from and contributes to nearby technology hubs, including the new Intel semiconductor fabrication plants in Columbus, and the quantum technology hub being developed with the Chicago Quantum Exchange. Ohio State faculty have a broad portfolio of externally-funded QISE research that will form the basis for dissertation work by students in the new program. These students will also benefit from OSU engagement in emerging institutional networks in QISE, including the Chicago Quantum Exchange, and QuSTEAM, which OSU leads. Lastly, OSU has made substantial investments in this field, including the Center for QISE (launched in 2022), and cluster faculty hiring in QISE (Physics, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Computer Science Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Mathematics).

2. **Address opportunities for inter-institutional collaboration.**

There are numerous opportunities for collaboration, both in terms of curricular development, and in terms of QISE-related research. At the curricular level, QuGIP faculty will be encouraged to share best practices with other institutions seeking to launch similar programs. There is already a culture of this in the participating departments, evidenced by the QuSTEAM network for example, which develops undergraduate minor curricula and is disseminating these to network partners, including 10+ universities. The breadth of opportunity and the collaborative environment at OSU will ensure that the OSU program maintains unique aspects that will help us compete for students as the number of programs in this field grows.

QuGIP participating faculty have a diverse network of research collaborations in QISE-related research, including institutions in Ohio, in the U.S. and internationally. This will provide QuGIP students with a broad variety of research options, and help prepare them to be leaders in the field by being able to collaborate across traditional disciplines.





**PROGRAM NARRATIVE - GROWTH OF THE PROGRAM**

We currently have NSF training grant funding to launch the program and fund 25 x 1 year fellowships, including full stipend and tuition. Following their first year, students will be supported by GTA or GRA appointments in the participating departments, or with fellowship funding through the OSU Graduate School. To prepare for the first cohort of new students in AY26-27, we will fund a number of current OSU graduate students to help pilot program components (e.g. courses, professional development, internships), and we will ramp up the number of new students matriculated into the program once it's fully approved. Our target for sustaining the program after the launch period will be to matriculate 6 Masters and 8 PhD students into the program per year. Masters students will be either self- or employer-funded, or will have won a University Fellowship. MOUs will be negotiated with stakeholders including the Graduate School, College of Arts and Sciences and College of Engineering for a baseline of funding for up to 8 Fellowships per year for PhD students, including stipend and tuition. Returned tuition from Masters students, industry sponsorships and leveraging for external funding will help defray this cost to the university. To sustain this level of activity, it will be necessary to continue to grow the list of participating faculty to ensure there are sufficient dissertation research opportunities.

	AY24-25	AY25-26	AY26-27	AY27-28	AY 28-29	Sustained (≥AY29-30)
<b>Masters</b>						
# NSF funded students	0	0	2	2	2	0
# self-, OSU- or employer-funded students	0	0	2	4	4	6
<b>PhD</b>						
# NSF funded students	1	2	4	6	6	0
# OSU funded students	0	0-2	0-2	0-2	0	8



## CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN

### Program Learning Goals

#### Learning Goals for MS

At the end of the program, the learner will be able to:

1. Demonstrate fundamental knowledge in quantum information science and engineering (QISE)
  - a. Demonstrate quantum advantage using a real-world problem (e.g., how does one algorithm demonstrate quantum advantage over a classical counterpart).
  - b. Explain pros and cons of leading physical systems for implementing qubits (e.g., coherence and decoherence).
  - c. Explain pros and cons of different approaches for multi-qubit entanglement.
  - d. Distinguish different approaches to error correction.
2. Demonstrate the ability to use analytical and computational methods to solve QISE problems (e.g., Python, Qiskit, LMS (e.g., qBraid), IBM Composer).
  - a. Quantum circuits.
  - b. Disciplinary methods.
3. Be able to connect their coursework to real-world applications in QISE as currently being developed by industry
4. Demonstrate a familiarity with QISE methods based on experiential learning in project rotations or thesis research
5. Be able to discuss course concepts and present research with a broad STEM community.

#### Learning Goals for Ph.D.

At the end of the program, the student will be able to:

1. Demonstrate fundamental knowledge in quantum information science and engineering (QISE)

Learning objectives to be assessed:

- a. Describe quantum systems using linear algebra, and conversely, describe the physical meaning of a linear algebraic expression.
  - b. Compare and contrast classical vs. Quantum algorithms and their suitability for real-world problems
  - c. Describe pros and cons of leading physical systems for implementing qubits (e.g., coherence and decoherence).
  - d. Describe pros and cons of different approaches for multi-qubit entanglement.
  - e. Explain and implement different approaches to error correction.
2. Demonstrate the ability to use analytical and computational methods to solve QISE problems (e.g., Python, Qiskit, LMS (e.g., qBraid), IBM Composer).

Learning objectives to be assessed:

- a. Design and implement quantum circuits on a quantum computer.
- b. Demonstrate computational methods focused in a particular subdiscipline of QISE



3. Work with an industry connection to connect coursework and research with a real-world application at a company.

Learning objectives to be assessed:

- a. Be able to explain process for identifying markets
- b. Consider development of quantum technologies with an ethical mindset

4. Conduct independent and interdisciplinary research in QISE.

Learning objectives to be assessed:

- a. Explain their new contribution to knowledge in their respective area
- b. Disseminate their contributions through peer-reviewed publications and scientific presentations
- c. Develop a plan for future studies

5. Demonstrate professional skills for learning and research

Learning objectives to be assessed:

- a. Interdisciplinary communication: Be able to discuss course concepts and present research with a broad STEM community, orally, in writing and in presentations
- b. Team work: be able to work in interdisciplinary teams to learn course content and contribute to interdisciplinary research projects
- c. Ethics: conduct research according to ethics standards in the field.
- d. Demonstrate growth mindset to learn new content in rapidly developing field.

New graduate courses in QISE (c.f. Appendix for [course syllabi](#)). These courses will be cross-listed in the participating departments and will be run as one of these listings depending on the primary instructor. For example, QISE 7100 will run as PHY 7100 when a physics faculty member teaches it, but as MATH 7100 when a math faculty teaches it. This ensures that faculty can count this course against their assigned teaching load.

QISE 7100 - Foundations in QISE (3 cr) will focus on the foundational mathematics and physics needed to describe quantum information and related phenomena.

QISE 7101 – Quantum Circuits and Algorithms (3 cr) is designed to provide students with a broad introduction to quantum computing. Using tools such as IBM Quantum Composer, students from diverse backgrounds will visualize quantum computing concepts, and compare them with classical computing models.

QISE 7102 – Grand Challenges in QISE (3 cr) will focus on grand challenges toward realizing quantum computers, including scalable multi-qubit entanglement, long-distance networking, error correction and algorithms, with a particular focus on physical platforms and their pros/cons.

QISE 7111 – Graduate seminar: Journal Club (1 cr): This student-led seminar-style course will meet once weekly during the term, and will feature regular presentations by students on a journal article of current interest. Students will gain experience in presenting technical content to a multi-disciplinary audience.



QISE 7112 – Graduate seminar: Professional Development (1 cr): This seminar-style course will feature a variety of discussions including aspects of professional skills (e.g., writing and presentation skills, literature research) and ethical questions posed by QISE (e.g. quantum cryptography).

QISE 7113 – 1<sup>st</sup> year research rotation (1.5 credits): This course will introduce students to research techniques through a 7 week experience with one of the QuGIP faculty advisors. This course may be repeated in 1.5 credit increments for multiple rotations, or taken for 3 or 4.5 credits for a more sustained effort during one rotation.



### **Degree requirements – MS in QISE**

**Course requirements:** A minimum of 30 credit hours will be required for Masters degree recipients. These requirements are consistent with the OSU Graduate School, and national expectations for graduate education in related STEM fields. As summarized in the table below, the course requirements include foundational graduate coursework, seminar-style professional development (ethics, writing, journal club), and experiential learning (research, internships). All of the courses will be delivered in person. Two Masters options will be offered. Option A is a course-focused Masters, which will include foundational and elective coursework, and two 7-week research rotations (3 total credits) focused on learning and applying research methods to specific, well-defined problems. Option B is a thesis-based Masters, which will feature the same foundation of four courses (QISE 7100-7012 plus a computational methods), but will replace elective coursework with a greater emphasis on experiential learning through research rotations, followed by a sustained period for thesis research with a specific faculty advisor. Thesis MS students may take an elective course with consent of their research advisor.

As an introduction to elements of responsible conduct in research, Option A students will take the CITI RCR training offered through the university. As option B is a thesis-based Masters, with a greater focus on research, these students are required to take GRADSCH 8000 to develop a solid foundation for responsible conduct in research.

**Time to degree:** Depending on their preparation and career goals, the Masters degree program can be completed by students in 3-6 semester terms, typically 1-2 academic years. Though there are some variations in the elective courses by program Specialization, these will not impact the overall time to degree for the students. In addition to coursework, Masters students pursuing the thesis option will have a 1-2 term period for experiential learning, including research with a faculty advisor and/or industry internship. Students will be enrolled in the program full-time, and will be supported with fellowships in their first year, and with Research or Teaching Assistantships in following years, depending on the Departmental affiliation of their primary faculty advisor. Masters students wishing to transition into the PhD program may do so with permission of the QuGIP Graduate Studies Committee.



**MS in QISE Curriculum**

Required core courses for degree: MS			
course # (red = new course)	Course Title	Credits for non-thesis	Credits for thesis based
QISE 7100 (and cross-lists)	Foundations in QISE	3	3
QISE 7101 (and cross lists)	Quantum Circuits and Algorithms	3	3
QISE 7102 (and cross lists)	Grand Challenges in QISE	3	3
PHY 6810, CHEM 6540, MATSCEN 6756.72, CSE 6321, ECE 5510, MATH 6601	Computational/Numerical Methods	1+	1+
QISE 7111	Journal club	2	2+
QISE 7112	Professional development seminar	2	2
QISE 7113	1 <sup>st</sup> year Research Rotations	3+	6+
XXXX-7999	Thesis research	0	10+
GRADSCH 8000	Responsible conduct in research	0	1
<b>Electives: choose from PHY 6000+, MATSCEN 6000+, ECE 5000+, CHEM 6000+, CSE 5000+, MATH 6000+ in consultation with advisor and graduate studies committee</b>			
Specialization	Example electives (# cr)		
Quantum Computing	CSE 6429 Advanced Computer Architecture (1-3); ECE 7005 Information Theory (3); MATH 6251 Theory of Probability (4)		
Quantum Networking and Communication	ECE 5012 Integrated Optics (3), ECE 6511 Nonlinear Optics (3), CSE 6469 Advanced Studies in Computer networking (1-3); Physics 8820 Special topics: Atomic, molecular and optical physics (3)		
Quantum Simulation	MATH 6801 Algebraic Topology (3); MATH 6151 Commutative Algebra (3); PHY 8820 Special Topics: Quantum information theory (3)		
Quantum Materials and Sensing	MATSCEN 7835 Point Defects in Crystalline Materials (2); PHY 8806 Topics in Condensed Matter Physics (3); CHEM 6510 Quantum Mechanics and Spectroscopy (1.5)		

Example progress in MS program:



MS		# cr		# cr		# cr		# cr
	Y1-Au		Y1-Sp		Y1-Su		Y2+	
Common core	QJSE 7100	3	QJSE 7101	3				
	Comp. Methods	3	QJSE 7102	3				
	QJSE 7111	1	QJSE 7111	1				
	QJSE 7112	1	QJSE 7112	1				
Course-based	Elective #1	4	QJSE 7113	3				
	Elective #2	4	Elective #3	3				
	TOTAL	16		14				
	Cumulative	16		30				
Thesis-based	QJSE 7113	3	QJSE 7113	3	Research - 7999	12	Research - 7999	TBD
	GRADSCH 8000	1			QJSE 7111	1	QJSE 7111	1
	TOTAL	12		11				
	Cumulative	12		23		36		36+

**Culminating experience: Masters in QISE:** We will offer two Masters tracks: course-focused (Option A) and thesis focused (Option B). In both cases, Masters degree recipients will have demonstrated strong academic performance in the core coursework listed above, and will have gained professional skills in communication, ethics and interdisciplinary collaboration through seminar-style courses and program events. In the course-focused track, Masters recipients will still benefit from an experiential learning experience through research rotations. The degree will be considered complete upon successful completion of the required courses and research rotations. Thesis-based Masters students will conduct 1+ semesters of sustained research on a project developed in consultation with a faculty advisor, or an industry internship. The culminating requirement for these students will be a thesis document (typically 20-50 pages) with an introduction that builds on course concepts and places the results and methodologies of the research/internship experience in the context of the field as a whole. The Masters candidate will defend this document in a short-format oral exam to a committee of 2-3 program faculty.



### Degree Requirements - PhD in QISE

**Course requirements:** A minimum of 80 credit hours will be required for PhD degree recipients. These requirements are consistent with the OSU Graduate School, and national expectations for graduate education in related STEM fields. Of these credit hours, 10 credit hours will be for foundational graduate coursework, at least 6 credits will be for seminar-style professional development courses (ethics, writing, journal club), and at least 6 credits will be for elective courses within a menu for the designated specialization. At least 40 credit hours will be for experiential learning (research, internships). All of the courses will be delivered in person. All PhD students are required to take GRADSCH 8000 to develop a solid foundation for responsible conduct in research.

**Time to degree:** With its greater focus on original research, PhD degrees will typically take 15-18 semester terms (5-6 academic years). Though there are some variations in the number of required elective courses by program Specialization, these will not impact the overall time to degree for the students. PhD students will be required to pass a candidacy exam with written and oral components. This will qualify them for a non-thesis based Masters degree. After candidacy, they can focus on dissertation-related research (~ 12-15 terms), and will also have an internship experience (~1 term). Students will be enrolled in the program full-time, and will be supported with fellowships in their first year, and with Research or Teaching Assistantships in following years, depending on the Departmental affiliation of their primary faculty advisor. These degree times and support models are typical for STEM programs at OSU and nationally.

Required core courses for degree: PhD		
course # (red = new course)	Course Title	Credits for thesis based
QISE 7100 (and cross-lists)	Foundations in QISE	3
QISE 7101 (and cross lists)	Quantum Circuits and Algorithms	3
QISE 7102 (and cross lists)	Grand Challenges in QISE	3
PHY 6810, CHEM 6540, MATSCEN 6756.72, CSE 6321, ECE 5510, MATH 6601	Computational/Numerical Methods	1+
QISE 7111	Journal club	5+
QISE 7112	Professional development seminar	2
QISE 7113	1 <sup>st</sup> year Research Rotations	12+
GRADSCH 8000	Responsible conduct in research	1



XXXX-8998/9	Research	30+
<b>Electives (two courses, 4+ cr): choose from PHY 6000+, MATSCEN 6000+, ECE 5000+, CHEM 6000+, CSE 5000+, MATH 6000+ in consultation with advisor and graduate studies committee</b>		
<b>Specialization</b>	<b>Example electives (# cr)</b>	
Quantum Computing	CSE 6429 Advanced Computer Architecture (1-3); ECE 7005 Information Theory (3); MATH 6251 Theory of Probability (4)	
Quantum Networking and Communication	ECE 5012 Integrated Optics (3), ECE 6511 Nonlinear Optics (3), CSE 6469 Advanced Studies in Computer networking (1-3); Physics 8820 Special topics: Atomic, molecular and optical physics (3)	
Quantum Simulation	MATH 6801 Algebraic Topology (3); MATH 6151 Commutative Algebra (3); PHY 8820 Special Topics: Quantum information theory (3)	
Quantum Materials and Sensing	MATSCEN 7835 Point Defects in Crystalline Materials (2); PHY 8806 Topics in Condensed Matter Physics (3); CHEM 6510 Quantum Mechanics and Spectroscopy (1.5)	

Example progress for PhD program:

PhD	# cr	# cr	# cr	# cr	# cr	# cr	# cr
	Y1-Au	Y1-Sp	Y1-Su	Y2-Au	Y2-Sp	Y2-Su	
	QISE 7100 3	QISE 7101 3	QISE 7111 1	Elective 3	Elective 3	QISE 7111 1	1
	Comp. Methods 3	QISE 7102 3					
	QISE 7111 1	QISE 7111 1	QISE 8998 12	Research	Research	Research	2
	QISE 7112 1	QISE 7112 1					
	QISE 7113 6	QISE 7113 9	<i>Candidacy exam</i>				
	GRADSCH 8000 1						
	Total cr 15	17	13	3	3		3
	Cumulative 15	32	45	48	51		54
		Y3 (Au+Sp+Su)	Y4 (Au+Sp+Su)	Y5 (Au+Sp+Su)			
		QISE 7111 1	QISE 7111 1	QISE 7111 1			
		Research and Electives 8	Research and Electives 9	Research and Electives 8			
			Internship				
		Credits 9	9	9			
		Cumulative 63	72	<b>81</b>			

### Culminating experience

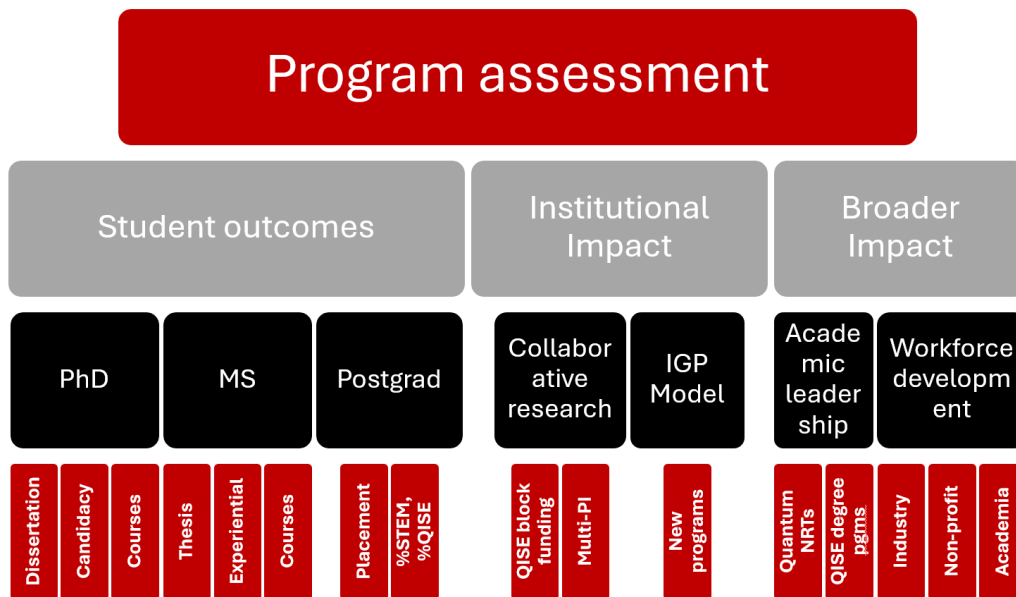
**PhD in QISE:** In addition to the course requirements for the MS degree, PhD recipients will have completed a sustained body of original research. By this stage, it's common for PhD students to have presented their research at international scientific conferences, and authored one or more peer-reviewed journal publications featuring their main results. QuGIP PhD students will also be



required to participate in an internship experience aligned with their future career goals. Examples include an industry-sponsored internship (either working remotely or on-site), or an extended stay at a national lab or other research center. The doctoral dissertation will integrate these experiences into a coherent document, thus placing the candidates' work in the context of the field as a whole. Chapters of the dissertation will include an Introduction which provides context for non-experts, one or more chapters of main results, a chapter summarizing the internship experience, a concluding chapter summarizing key results and open questions, and one or more appendices with technical content or more preliminary results. Once the dissertation document is deemed suitable in an iterative process with the faculty advisor, candidates will defend the document to their dissertation committee, comprising 3-4 program faculty, as well as a Graduate Faculty Representative selected by the OSU Graduate School. In accordance with Graduate School policy, the dissertation defense will feature a public presentation, followed by a closed session with the committee.

## Program Assessment Plan

As shown here, the QuGIP program will be assessed in terms of *student outcomes*, *institutional impact* within OSU, and *broader impact* at the national level. For example, PhD student outcomes will be assessed through course grades, a proposal-based candidacy exam, PhD dissertation and defense. Both formative and summative rubrics will be used for candidacy exam, thesis/dissertation and defense (discussed further below). Institutional impact will be assessed by tracking extramural funding among QuGIP participating faculty and students, including programs in QISE and non-QISE. More broadly, program components will be disseminated through workforce and academic networks, thus contributing to a rapidly-developing, nationwide



infrastructure for QISE.

Assessment data will be compiled by several QuGIP stakeholders. The QuGIP *Graduate Studies Committee* will be tasked with assessing the quality of the applicant pool and curating collected data including demographic information, applicant institutions, Bachelors fields of study, GPAs, prior research experience, and Specialization interest. These data will be collected by the QuGIP *Program Coordinator*.

In addition, the NSF NRT award has subaward funding reserved for the development of initial program assessment by Strategic Evaluations, Inc. (SEI). SEI is a HUB-certified, minority-owned evaluation consulting firm located in Durham, North Carolina specializing in evaluating science education grants, particularly training grants. SEI will help the QuGIP team develop an assessment infrastructure that can then be sustained locally after the NSF NRT award ends in AY28-29, such as the following:



**Expected Student, Faculty Teaching, and Institutional Competencies and Outcomes:** The program leaders will work with SEI to document and measure targeted competencies and outcomes for stakeholders such as:

Trainees

- Increase QISE knowledge and technical skills
- Increase skills in ethics, technical writing, and communication
- Increase students' self-efficacy, science identity and sense of belonging
- Increased growth mindset

Faculty Instruction/Mentorship

- QISE courses and research opportunities utilize best practices and pedagogies, and inclusive and aligned to students' long-term career interests (via Drake Institute)
- Instruction promotes a growth mindset across faculty and trainees in the QISE graduate program
- High quality mentorship (research mentors required to participate in mentorship training)
- Increased recruitment and training of students in QISE research projects in faculty labs
- Strengthened interdisciplinary research/course development

Institution

- Development of a QISE Graduate Interdisciplinary Program at OSU
- Industry partnerships result in graduate internships and sponsored research
- Relationships between participating departments are strengthened

During Year 1, the evaluation team will work closely with project leaders to further develop a project logic model and related evaluation framework that will serve as the guide for activities and the key metrics for documenting outcomes.



**Table 2.** Evaluation framework for QuGIP Logic Model

Sample Evaluation Questions for OUTCOMES	Possible Indicators/Measures	Possible Data Collection Methods and Information Sources
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent is the program able to garner buy-in from participating departments and industry partners?</li> <li>Is the program able to obtain approvals from all the necessary groups and in a timely manner to launch new courses?</li> <li>To what extent to the members/key stakeholders work together towards effectively and efficiently a common goal?</li> <li>Is the program able to recruit its targeted number trainees, and retain these trainees to obtain terminal degrees (20% Master's/60%PhD/20%Other)?</li> <li>Do students who participate in QISE courses exit with more confidence, stronger lab abilities, greater content knowledge, and higher interest in completing a degree/certificate program in QISE?</li> <li>To what extent does participation increase students' ethics, technical writing, and communication skills?</li> <li>Does participation in the QISE interdisciplinary degree program lead to a sense of belonging and greater confidence that students are well prepared for the emerging careers in QISE?</li> <li>To what extent are QISE courses inclusive and based on a "growth mindset"?</li> <li>To what extent are trainees provided inclusive and convergent QISE</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation of approval of QuGIP courses/curriculum</li> <li>Documentation of trainees in OSU labs/industry partner training</li> <li>Documentation of numbers of students enrolled in QISE courses and of students' obtaining QISE degrees, certifications, etc.</li> <li>Documentation of job application data</li> <li>Student self-report of content knowledge, research skills, job competitiveness, and career interest (pre/post)</li> <li>Research mentors/industry mentors' ratings of trainees' QISE knowledge and skills and career preparedness</li> <li>Student and course instructors' ratings of the inclusiveness of the courses and extent to which courses include a "growth mindset" (post course)</li> <li>Student self-report of interest in QISE careers</li> <li>Measure of working of the program partnership (Partnership self-assessment tool)</li> </ul>	<p>OSU Departments/Graduate School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records of approval of QuGIP courses/curriculum</li> <li>Records of departments accepting trainees in research labs/training</li> <li>QISE course enrollment records</li> <li>Records of QISE degrees/certificates earned</li> </ul> <p>Industry Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records of partners accepting trainees in labs/training</li> </ul> <p>Student Trainees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document course enrollment</li> <li>Track students' thoughts on program, growth in research self-efficacy, sense of belonging, growth in knowledge and career interests and preparedness on pre- and post-surveys</li> <li>Document students' thought on the inclusiveness of courses and extent to which courses include a "growth mindset" (post-course survey and focus group interviews)</li> <li>Qualitatively document quality and impact of courses/research opportunities as well as suggested improvement through focus group interviews</li> </ul> <p>Research Mentors/Industry Mentors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document students' growth in QISE knowledge, skills and job preparedness via surveys</li> </ul> <p>Course Instructors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Document students' thought on the inclusiveness of courses and extent to</li> </ul>

The evaluation timeline of performance measures is presented in the Table below:

Performance Measures Timeline	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5
Finalizing of logic model / competency tools to be embedded in project	X				
Structuring of Year-by-year evaluation plan in alignment with logic model (with monthly calendar of deliverables)	X	X	X	X	X
Document analysis (e.g. participation, degrees earned, internal course evaluations, student interests, industry needs, curriculum development)		X	X	X	X
Instrument development (e.g., trainees' baseline survey, trainees' annual/exit survey, research/industry mentors survey, partnership survey, trainees' and course instructors' focus group protocols)		X			
Partnership self-assessment	X		X		X
Trainees' surveys/assessments (baseline upon entering and annually until exiting)			X	X	X
Research/industry mentors' surveys (end of every trainee's internship/IDP)			X	X	X
Faculty surveys (when piloting a new course)			X	X	X
Focus group in-depth feedback on new course from trainees (after first implementation)			X		
Focus group in-depth feedback on new course from instructors (after second implementation to specialization improvements)				X	
Reporting/Communicating Evaluation Results (website, IAC meetings annually, etc.)	X	X	X	X	X



**Feedback Mechanisms for Improving Practice:** Four reporting and data sharing strategies will be included in the evaluation to facilitate QuGIP leaders' ability to assess progress in a timely manner, make any necessary mid-course adjustments, and report findings to outside stakeholders.

- **Monthly Evaluation Update Calls** - The evaluation team will lead monthly update calls in which program data will be shared across the partnership.
- **Formative Evaluation Data Throughout** – There are several surveys and focus group interviews planned across the 5 years. Data tables with evaluator's comments will be shared with the program at the conclusion of each data collection period (e.g., annually for partnership self-assessment survey, once a year with each new cohort for baseline trainee survey, etc.)
- **Annual Summative Evaluation Report** - As is customary, the evaluation team will prepare annual executive summary reports detailing all evaluation activities and findings, along with recommendations from stakeholders for improvement. At the end of the final project year, the external evaluation team will submit a summative evaluation report detailing the extent to which the project achieved its goals.

**Program Academic Assessment Plan**

As discussed in the Program Learning Goals above, we have identified a specific series of Learning Goals for MS and PhD students. The extent to which these goals are met by students in the program will be assessed in several ways.

Course assessments: Each course (c.f. course syllabi in the Appendix) has its own set of learning goals and a concrete plan for how these will be assessed through course components such as presentations, written exams and homework problems.

MS thesis and defense: rubrics (c.f. Appendix) will be used to assess the extent to which the MS thesis document and oral defense reflect Program Learning Goals.

Candidacy exam: A formative rubric (c.f. Appendix) will be used to assess student progress toward meeting the Program Learning Goals, and to identify specific areas for improvement / attention during the remainder of the PhD studies.

Annual review reports: These annual reports (c.f. Student Advising Sheets in Appendix) will be compiled by the student, the student’s research advisor, and the advisory committee. Milestones such as research accomplishments, conference presentations, professional development activities, mentoring and submitted/published papers will be tracked in the reviews.

PhD Dissertation: A dissertation rubric and a dissertation defense rubric (c.f. Appendix) will be used to assess the extent to which the PhD dissertation and oral Defense reflects Program Learning Goals. For example, the dissertation introduction and defense presentation should include context so a broad, multidisciplinary audience can understand the student’s contribution and its relevance to the broader field of QISE.

The table here illustrates how program components provide targeted assessment of the program learning goals articulated above.

	MS	PhD
<b>Program component</b>	<b>Learning Goals assessed</b>	
QISE 7100	2	1a, 5a,b,d
QISE 7101	1d	1b, 2a,b, 5a,b,d
QISE 7102	1a-d,3	1c,d,e , 2a,b, 5a,b,d
QISE 7111	5	1a-e, 3a-b, 4a, 5a-d
QISE 7112	5	3b, 5c
QISE 7113	4	5a,b,d
XXXX-7999, XXX-8998/9 research	4	4a-c
Computational	2	2a-b



Professional	3,5	5a,b
Candidacy	n/a	1a-e, 2a-b, 5a,d
Internship	n/a	3a-b
Dissertation / Thesis	1-5	1-5

## INSTITUTIONAL STAFFING, FACULTY AND STUDENT SUPPORT

### Faculty

As listed in the Appendix, we have assembled a team of 30 participating faculty during this initial phase of the program, drawn from the six participating Departments. These faculty were selected based on their track records of QISE-related research (including externally-funded programs), commitment to evidence-based teaching and curriculum development, and all have 'P' status for graduate advising. This broad participation is essential for matching applicant interests to faculty advisors' expertise and availability. Although no faculty will be hired as a result of this new graduate program, there are significant synergies with recent cluster hiring in quantum science in the participating departments, including new hires in Chemistry and Biochemistry (Prof. Joe Zadrozny), Math (Prof. Kaifeng Bu), and Physics (Prof. Kevin Singh), and anticipated searches in Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Computer Science Engineering. Faculty wishing to join the program will submit an application detailing their QISE-related research experience or future interests, and their track record or plans for external funding and graduate advising. These applications will be reviewed by the QuGIP Graduate Studies Committee.

### Administration and support

The OSU Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering (CQISE) will be the administrative home for the new graduate program. The Program Director (Professor Jay Gupta, Physics) will be the lead program manager, responsible for fund raising, unit MOUs and stakeholder reporting. The principal administrative staff will be a Program Coordinator (position housed in CQISE), whose duties will include program financial and progress reporting, admissions, website maintenance, event planning and team communication. Admissions will be conducted by a Graduate Admissions Committee, comprising faculty from each of the six participating Departments. Student progress monitoring will be the responsibility of a Graduate Studies Committee, also comprising faculty from the participating Departments, as well as 1-2 student representatives. Oversight of the program will be provided by (i) an OSU Advisory Board, comprising unit leaders at the Department, College, Grad School and OAA levels and (ii) an Independent Advisory Board (Chair, Dr. Chris Porter, IBM Quantum) comprising external leadership in academia, industry and national labs.

Sufficient funding for the program through AY 28-29 is provided through an NSF training grant (budget: \$3M / 5 years from 2023-2028 + planned 1 year no-cost extension). As described in the Appendix, NSF funding includes 1 yr fellowships for 25 trainees over the 5 year launch phase, the





program coordinator position, curriculum development (faculty teaching buyout, OSU Drake Institute of Teaching and Learning) and program evaluation (Strategic Evaluations LLC.). Following their fellowship year, students will be supported by Graduate Teaching Assistantships (GTAs) or Graduate Research Assistantships (GRAs). Common in the participating Departments, faculty advisors will be expected to support QuGIP students as GRAs or confirm GTA support with their Department Chair. A model for sustaining the program longer-term will be developed with OSU unit leadership, including the Graduate School, Office of Academic Affairs, the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Engineering, and the participating Departments. Initial MOUs will be negotiated for funding sufficient for ~8 fellowships / yr + the program coordinator position salary and benefits. Growth past this baseline will be made possible by expansion of the self-funded / professional Masters program and industry sponsorships.

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Name	Rank or Title	Department	Instructor Qualification			Role in program: RA = Research advisor; CCI = Core course instructor, ECI = Elective Course Instructor
			Degree Title, Discipline, Institution, Year	Teaching experience (yrs)	Additional qualifications	
Jay Gupta	Professor	Physics	PhD, Physics, UCSB 2002	20	Quantum surface science, Vice Chair for Graduate Studies (Physics)	Program administration, RA, ECI
Kaveh Ahadi	Assistant Professor	Materials Science and Engineering	PhD, Materials Science, UCSB, 2019	4	Epitaxy of quantum materials	RA, ECI
Shamsul Arafin	Assistant Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	PhD, Electrical Engineering, Technical University of Munich, 2012	6	Semiconductor optoelectronics and quantum point defects	RA, ECI
Syedah Zahra Atiq	Assistant Professor of Practice	Computer Science and Engineering	Ph.D., Engineering Education (College of Engineering), Purdue University, 2019	10+	Non-cognitive factors influencing student learning of programming	Curriculum Development
Robert Baker	Professor	Chemistry and Biochemistry	PhD, Chemistry, UC Berkeley, 2012	10	Ultrafast chemical physics	General interest
Daniel Brandenburg	Assistant Professor	Physics	PhD, Rice University, 2018	1	Experimental nuclear physics	CCI, ECI
Jackie Chini	Associate Professor	Physics	PhD, Physics, Kansas State University, 2010	15	Improving participation in Physics via Education Research	RA
Michael Chini	Associate Professor	Physics	PhD, Physics, University of Central Florida, 2012	8	Experimental ultrafast laser atomic physics	RA, ECI
Enam Chowdhury	Assistant Professor	Materials Science and Engineering/Electrical	University of Delaware 2004	5	Ultrafast laser-matter interactions	ECI



		and Computer Engineering				
Geraldine Cochran	Associate Professor	Physics	PhD, Curriculum & Instruction/ Cognate: Physics, FIU 2013	11	Identifying barriers to URM participation in Physics	ECI
Dan Gauthier	Professor	Physics	Ph.D., Optics, University of Rochester, 1989	31	Quantum computing and communication, Fellow, Optica and the American Physical Society	RA
Tyler Grassman	Associate Professor	Materials Science and Engineering	PhD, Materials Science and Engineering, UC San Diego, 2007	8	Materials integration for electronic and photonic technologies	RA, ECI
Andrew Heckler	Professor	Physics	PhD Physics, University of Washington, 1994	35	Quantitative modeling of learning and assessment	ECI, Building Curriculum, curricular materials
Zeke Johnston-Halperin	Professor	Physics	PhD Physics, UCSB 2003	18	Quantum transduction via magnetism. PI of NSF QuSTEAM network.	RA, CCI, ECI, Lead Industry Engagement
Thomas Kerler	Professor	Math	PhD, Theoretical Physics, ETH Zürich	35+	Topology and Quantum Field Theories	ECI, Support for Mentoring & DEI Programs;
Bern Kohler	Professor and Ohio Eminent Scholar	Chemistry and Biochemistry	PhD, Physical Chemistry, MIT 1990	29	Ultrafast photochemical dynamics	RA, ECI
Alexandra Landsman	Associate Professor	Physics	PhD, Princeton 2005	9	Theory of ultrafast laser/matter interactions	RA, CCI, ECI
Yuanming Lu	Associate Professor	Physics	PhD, Physics, Boston College, 2011	9	Quantum matter and topology	RA, CCI, ECI
Roberto Myers	Professor	Materials Science and Engineering	PhD, Materials, UCSB 2006	16	Magneto/opto electronics of quantum point defects	RA, CCI, ECI
David Penneys	Associate Professor	Math	PhD Mathematics, UC Berkeley 2012	19	Mathematics of topological qubits	RA, CCI, ECI
Ronald Reano	Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	PhD, Electrical Engineering, University of Michigan 2004	19	Quantum photonics	RA, CCI, ECI



Salva Salmani-Rezaie	Assistant Professor	Materials Science and Engineering	PhD, Materials Science , UCSB 2021	1	Atomic resolution microscopy of quantum defects	RA, ECI
Kevin Singh	Assistant Professor	Physics	PhD, Physics, UCSB 2019	1	Neutral atom quantum computation and simulation	RA, CCI, ECI
Brian Skinner	Assistant Professor	Physics	PhD, Physics, University of Minnesota 2011	4	Theory of quantum materials	RA, ECI
Alexander Sokolov	Associate Professor	Chemistry and Biochemistry	Ph.D., Chemistry, UGA, 2014	7	Quantum computational chemistry	RA
Fernando Teixeira	Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	PhD, Electrical Engineering, University of Illinois, 1999	24	Computational electromagnetics	RA, ECI
Nandini Trivedi	Professor	Physics	PhD, Physics, Cornell 1987	30	Quantum phase transitions	RA, CCI, ECI
Wolfgang Windl	Professor	Materials Science and Engineering	Dr. rerum naturalium, Physics, University of Regensburg, Germany, 1995.	22	Computational materials science; Industrial experience: Principal Staff Scientist at Motorola (1997-2001); co-founder and VP of device company GonioTech (current).	RA, CCI, ECI
Joe Zadrozny	Associate Professor	Chemistry and Biochemistry	PhD, Chemistry, UC Berkeley 2013	6	Magnetic resonance of molecular qubits	RA, ECI
Zhihui Zhu	Assistant Professor	Computer Science and Engineering	PhD, Electrical Engineering, Colorado School of Mines 2017	4	Theoretical data science	RA

## Faculty CVs

Included here are 2pg CVs for all participating faculty listed in the Faculty Matrix

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University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, US	Ph.D.	12/2019	Materials
University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, CA	M.Sc.	12/2015	Materials
Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, IR	M.Sc.	09/2012	Materials
Islamic Azad University , Karaj, Karaj, IR	B.Sc	09/2010	Materials

**Appointments and Positions**

2023 - present Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, U.S.A

2020 - 2023 Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC, U.S.A

**Products****Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project**

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**Synergistic Activities**

1. Developing semiconductor industry decadal roadmap with Semiconductor Research Corp (SRC) and National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST).
2. Member of Materials Research Society, American Physical Society, American Ceramics Society, and American Vacuum Society.
3. Reviewer for several journals including *Science Advances*, *Nature Communications*, *Applied Physics Letters*, *Physical review letter*, *Materials Letter*, *Journal of Alloys and Compounds*.
4. Developing graduate course (Modern Concepts in Materials Science) and coauthoring a review article on topological materials (*Materials Science and Engineering: R: Reports* 145, 100620, 2021)
5. Symposium organizer in MRS Spring and APS March Meetings.

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**Professional Preparation:**

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	RECEIPT DATE	FIELD OF STUDY
Technical University of Munich, Munich, Not Applicable, N/A, Germany	PHD	02/2012	Electrical Engineering
Ulm University, Ulm, Not Applicable, N/A, Germany	MENG	04/2008	Electrical Engineering
Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka, Not Applicable, N/A, Bangladesh	BS	07/2005	Electrical and Electronic Engineering

**Appointments and Positions**

2018 - present Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University , Columbus, Ohio, United States

2014 - 2018 Assistant Project Scientist, University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara , California, United States

2013 - 2014 Postdoctoral Research Scholar, University of California Los Angeles , Los Angeles , California, United States

2012 - 2012 Postdoctoral Fellow, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, QC, Canada

**Products****Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project**

1. Saha S, Sankar S, Nikor S, Arafin S. A Review of Intercalation of Rare Gas Solids on Graphene and Hexagonal Boron Nitride. *physica status solidi (RRL) – Rapid Research Letters*. 2023 June 20; :- . Available from: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/pssr.202300066> DOI: 10.1002/pssr.202300066
2. Hasan S, You W, Ghosh A, Sadaf S, Arafin S. Selective Area Epitaxy of GaN Nanostructures: MBE Growth and Morphological Analysis. *Crystal Growth & Design*. 2023 May 16; 23(6):4098-4104. Available from: <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.cgd.2c01506> DOI: 10.1021/acs.cgd.2c01506
3. Mahafuzur Rahaman M, Saha S, Hasan S, You W, Ghosh A, Saiful Islam Sumon M, Shafaat Saud Nikor S, Freeman B, Sankar S, Colijn H, Md. Sadaf S, Garg J, Arafin S. Luminescence and Raman spectroscopic properties of cubic boron nitride grown by drop-casting technique. *Journal of Crystal Growth*. 2022 September; 593:126781-. Available from: <https://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S002202482200269X> DOI:

10.1016/j.jcrysgro.2022.126781

4. Saha S, Chang Y, Yang T, Rice A, Ghosh A, You W, Crawford M, Lu T, Lan Y, Arafin S. Sub-bandgap photoluminescence properties of multilayer h-BN-on-sapphire. *Nanotechnology*. 2022 February 28; 33(21):215702-. Available from: <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1361-6528/ac5283> DOI: 10.1088/1361-6528/ac5283
5. Saha S, Rice A, Ghosh A, Hasan S, You W, Crawford M, Bissell L, Bedford R, Arafin S. Characterization and Analysis of Large-Area h-BN on Sapphire. 2021 IEEE Research and Applications of Photonics in Defense Conference (RAPID). 2021 IEEE Research and Applications of Photonics in Defense Conference (RAPID); ; Miramar Beach, FL, USA. IEEE; c2021. Available from: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9521461/> DOI: 10.1109/RAPID51799.2021.9521461

*Other Significant Products, Whether or Not Related to the Proposed Project*

1. Ghosh A, Dominic Merwin Xavier A, Hasan S, Rahman S, Blackston A, Allerman A, Myers R, Rajan S, Arafin S. Low voltage drop AlGaIn UV-A laser structures with transparent tunnel junctions and optimized quantum wells. *Journal of Physics D: Applied Physics*. 2023 October 26; 57(3):035105-. Available from: <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1361-6463/ad039c> DOI: 10.1088/1361-6463/ad039c
2. Sumon M, Sankar S, You W, Faruque I, Dwivedi S, Arafin S. Design of GaSb-based monolithic passive photonic devices at wavelengths above 2  $\mu\text{m}$ . *Journal of Physics: Photonics*. 2023 July 18; 5(3):035005-. Available from: <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/2515-7647/ace509> DOI: 10.1088/2515-7647/ace509
3. You W, Dwivedi S, Faruque I, John D, McFadden A, Palmstrom C, Coldren L, Arafin S. Toward GaSb-Based Monolithically Integrated Widely-Tunable Lasers for Extended Short- and Mid-Wave Infrared Wavelengths. *IEEE Journal of Quantum Electronics*. 2023; 59(1):1-9. Available from: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/10017255/> DOI: 10.1109/JQE.2023.3236395
4. M N Hasan S, Ghosh A, Md Sadaf S, Arafin S. Effects of InGaIn quantum disk thickness on the optical properties of GaN nanowires. *Journal of Crystal Growth*. 2022 June; 588:126654-. Available from: <https://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S0022024822001427> DOI: 10.1016/j.jcrysgro.2022.126654
5. Arafin S, McFadden A, Paul B, Hasan S, Gupta J, Palmstrøm C, Coldren L. Study of wet and dry etching processes for antimonide-based photonic ICs. *Optical Materials Express*. 2019 March 18; 9(4):1786-. Available from: <https://opg.optica.org/abstract.cfm?URI=ome-9-4-1786> DOI: 10.1364/OME.9.001786

**Synergistic Activities**

1. • Subcommittee Chair in 6-Materials, Foundries and Fabrication (MFF) within IEEE Photonics Conference 2023 (annual meeting), Orlando, FL, USA  
• General Chair, Optica's Advanced Photonics Congress, IPR 2022, Maastricht, Netherlands.  
• Technical Program Committee in 28th International Semiconductor Laser Conference 2022, Matsue, Japan  
• Technical Program Committee in "S&I3 Semiconductor Lasers" in Optica's CLEO 2022, San Jose, CA, USA

- Subcommittee Chair in Optoelectronics and Integrated Photonics in Compound Semiconductor Week (CSW) 2022, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA.
- Guest Editor of the Feature Issue on “Mid-Infrared Lasers for Medical Applications” in Biomedical Optics Express, OSA, 2018

**Certification:**

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**IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:**

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POSITION TITLE: Assistant Professor of Practice

PRIMARY ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION: The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States

**Professional Preparation:**

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	RECEIPT DATE	FIELD OF STUDY
Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, United States	PHD	08/2019	Engineering Education
Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lagore, Not Applicable, N/A, Pakistan	MS	05/2005	Computer Science

**Appointments and Positions**

2019 - present Assistant Professor of Practice, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States

**Products****Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project**

1. Atiq Z, Loui M. A Qualitative Study of Emotions Experienced by First-year Engineering Students during Programming Tasks. ACM Transactions on Computing Education. 2022 June 09; 22(3):1-26. Available from: <https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3507696> DOI: 10.1145/3507696
2. Villanueva Alarcón I, Anwar S, Atiq Z. How multi-modal approaches support engineering and computing education research. Australasian Journal of Engineering Education. 2023 December 30. Available from: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/22054952.2023.2274513>
3. Batra R. Work in Progress: Understanding CS1 Students' Code Comprehension Behaviors using Multi-modal Data. Minneapolis, MN: ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition; 2022 June.
4. Awasthi S, Batra R, Atiq Z. Validation of the Programming Emotions Questionnaire. Providence, RI: Proceedings of the 53rd ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education; 2022 March.
5. Batra R, Atiq Z. Understanding Students' Frustration and Confusion during a Programming Task: A Multimodal Approach. College Station, Tx: IEEE Frontiers in Education; 2023.

**Other Significant Products, Whether or Not Related to the Proposed Project****Synergistic Activities**

1. As the PI for the NSF funded grant (Award Abstract # 2104729), I have been mentoring one Ph.D. student and 5 undergraduate researchers. Self-Efficacy of Novice Students during Programming Tasks: A Multi-Modal Approach.
2. With my collaborators (University of Florida) and (Texas A&M), I conducted a panel on multi-

modal methodology at the IEEE Frontiers in Education conference, held at College Station, TX in Oct 2023.

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## L. Robert Baker, The Ohio State University

### Education and Training

Brigham Young University	Chemistry	B.S. 2007
Brigham Young University	Chemistry	M.S. 2008
University of California, Berkeley	Chemistry	Ph.D. 2012

### Research and Professional Experience

2022–present	Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, The Ohio State University
2019–2022	Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, The Ohio State University
2014–2019	Assistant Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry, The Ohio State University
2012–2014	University of California, Berkeley, Postdoctoral Advisor: Stephen R. Leone
2008–2012	University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D. Advisor: Gabor A. Somorjai

### Honors and Awards

1. *John Von Neumann Distinguished Fulbright Scholar*, 2023
2. *Coblentz Award in Molecular Spectroscopy*, Coblentz Society, 2022
3. *Emerging Leader in Atomic Spectroscopy*, Spectroscopy Magazine, 2021
4. *Camille Dreyfus Teacher Scholar*, Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation, 2020
5. *Journal of Physical Chemistry / PHYS Division Lectureship*, American Chemical Society, 2019
6. *Young Innovator Award in NanoEnergy*, Highlighted in NR45 special issue of *Nano Research*, 2019
7. *Early Career Award*, Department of Energy, 2015
8. *Young Investigator Award*, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, 2015

### Funding

*Principal Investigator for total federal funding of \$17.3M, 12 active grants*

1. *AFOSR Molecular Dynamics and Theoretical Chemistry*, 2023–2026, \$507,922 (*Role: PI*)
2. *AFOSR MURI*, 2023–2028, \$650,246 to Baker (*Role: co-PI, PI: D. Waldeck*)
3. *DOE Catalysis Science*, 2023–2026, \$354,864 (*Role: PI*)
4. *NSF Chemical Catalysis*, 2022–2025, \$585,000 (*Role: PI*)
5. *US-Israel Binational Science Foundation*, 2021–2024, \$149,731 to Baker (*Role: co-PI, PI: H. Wang*)
6. *DOE Condensed Phase and Interfacial Molecular Science*, 2020–2024, \$551,255 (*Role: PI*)
7. *Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award*, 2020–2025, \$100,000 (*Role: PI*)
8. *NSF Center for Emergent Materials*, 2020–2026, \$418,970 to Baker (*Role: co-PI, PI: P. C. Hammel*)
9. *NSF NeXUS*, 2019–2024, \$9,986,000 (*Role: PI*)

### Oral Presentations

106 talks, including 88 invited talks since 2014. Invited talks include:

- Coblentz Award Lecture, International Symposium on Molecular Spectroscopy, Champaign, IL, 2023
- Max Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics, Bothe Colloquium, Heidelberg, Germany, 2023
- Extreme Light Infrastructure Attosecond Light Pulse Source, Szeged, Hungary, 2023
- Surface Chemistry of Catalytic Systems, Rehovot, Israel, 2022 (Virtual)
- International Workshop on Oxides, Pyeongchang, South Korea, 2022 (Virtual)
- NanoGE Solar Fuels Keynote Speaker, Madrid, Spain, 2021 (Virtual)
- Emerging Leader in Atomic Spectroscopy Award Lecture, Ljubijana, Slovenia, 2021 (Virtual)
- Journal of Physical Chemistry / PHYS Division Award Lectureship, 2020 (Virtual)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Femtochemistry Conference, Shanghai, China, 2019
- International School on Frontiers of Attosecond and Ultrafast X-Ray Science, Erice, Italy, March 2019
- 18 Invited talks at ACS/APS/ECS national meetings

### Selected Publications († Corresponding author)

10. H. Gajapathy, S. Bandaranayake, E. Hruska, A. Vadakkayil, B. P. Bloom, S. Londo, J. McClellan, J. Guo, D. Russel, F. M. F. de Groot, F. Yang, D. H. Waldeck, M. Schultze, and **L. R. Baker**<sup>†</sup>, “Spin Polarized Electron Dynamics Enhance Water Splitting Efficiency by Yttrium Iron Garnet Photoanodes: A New Platform for Spin Selective Photocatalysis,” *Chemical Science*, **2024**, DOI: 10.1039/D3SC03016D.
9. J. Rebstock, Q. Zhu, and **L. R. Baker**<sup>†</sup>, “Exploring the influence of interfacial solvation on electrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction using plasmon-enhanced vibrational sum frequency generation spectroscopy,” *ChemCatChem*, **2024**, DOI: 10.1002/cctc.202301301.
8. S. Bandaranayake, A. Patnaik, E. Hruska, Q. Zhu, and **L. R. Baker**<sup>†</sup>, “Electronic Structure and Ultrafast Electron Dynamics in CuO Photocatalysts Probed by Surface Sensitive Femtosecond X-ray Absorption Near-Edge Structure Spectroscopy,” *Journal of Physical Chemistry Letters*, **2023**, *14*, 3643–3650.
7. G. Deng, Q. Zhu, J. Rebstock, T. Neves-Garcia, and **L. R. Baker**<sup>†</sup>, “Direct Observation of Bicarbonate and Water Reduction on Gold: Understanding the Potential Dependent Proton Source During Hydrogen Evolution,” *Chemical Science*, **2023**, *14*, 4523–4531.
6. S. Biswas and **L. R. Baker**<sup>†</sup>, “Extreme Ultraviolet Reflection-Absorption Spectroscopy: Probing Dynamics at Surfaces from a Molecular Perspective,” *Accounts of Chemical Research*, **2022**, *55*, 893–903.
5. Z. Zhu, C. J. Murphy, and **L. R. Baker**<sup>†</sup>, “Opportunities for Electrocatalytic CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Enabled by Surface Ligands,” *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, **2022**, *144*, 2829–2840. (**Invited Perspective**)
4. Z. Zhu, S. Wallentine, G. Deng, J. Rebstock, and **L. R. Baker**<sup>†</sup>, “Solvation-Induced Onsager Reaction Field Rather than Double Layer Field Controls CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Kinetics on Gold,” *JACS Au*, **2022**, *2*, 472–482.
3. H. Shang, S. Wallentine, D. M. Hofmann, Q. Zhu, C. J. Murphy, and **L. R. Baker**<sup>†</sup>, “Effect of Surface Ligands on Gold Nanocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction,” *Chemical Science*, **2020**, *11*, 12298–12306. (**Cover Article**)
2. S. Biswas, J. Husek, S. Londo, and **L. R. Baker**<sup>†</sup>, “Highly Localized Charge Transfer Excitons in Metal Oxide Semiconductors,” *Nano Letters*, *18*, 1228–1233 (2018). (**Highlighted by Advances in Engineering**)
1. J. Husek, A. Cirri, S. Biswas, and **L. R. Baker**<sup>†</sup>, “Surface Electron Dynamics in Hematite ( $\alpha$ -Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>): Correlation Between Ultrafast Surface Electron Trapping and Small Polaron Formation,” *Chemical Science*, *8*, 8170–8178 (2017).

### Editorial Service:

- Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Physical Chemistry A/B/C*, 2021–2026
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Spectroscopy Magazine*, 2022–Present
- Guest Editor, *Journal of Chemical Physics*, Special issue: Oxide Chemistry and Catalysis, 2019–2020

### Workshop Participation and Symposium Organization:

- NSF National eXtreme Ultrafast Science (NeXUS) User Workshop (July 2022)  
Role: Organizer, Host, and Plenary Speaker (120 participants from 47 institutions and 12 countries)
- NSF National eXtreme Ultrafast Science (NeXUS) User Workshop (July 2020)  
Role: Organizer, Host, and Plenary Speaker (>200 participants from 75 institutions and 13 countries)
- DOE Basic Research Needs Workshop: Next Generation Electrical Energy Storage (March 2017)  
Role: Panel Writer: Structure, Interphases, and Charge Transfer at Electrochemical Interfaces
- Organized 9 symposia at ACS, APS, and ISMS national/international meetings



# James Daniel Brandenburg



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Assistant Professor | High Energy Nuclear Physicist

## Publication Metrics

According to [my google scholar profile](#)

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- Total citations: 8814
- h-index: 49
- i10-index: 119

## Education

### Doctor of Philosophy in Nuclear Physics

2015 - 2018

Rice University

Houston, TX, USA

- Thesis: Systematic Measurement of Dimuon Production in pp, pA, and AA collisions with the STAR Experiment
- Thesis Award: RHIC-AGS Thesis Award runner-up

### Master of Physics

2013 - 2015

Rice University

Houston, TX, USA

- GPA: 3.92/4.0

### Bachelors of Science in Physics, Minor in Mathematics

2009 - 2013

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL, USA

- Honors: Magna Cum Laude
- GPA: 3.84/4.0

## Research Appointments

### Assistant Professor

2023 - Present

The Ohio State University

Columbus, OH, USA

- **Electron-Ion Collider**
  - ▶ Member of the Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) detector collaboration actively developing the EIC physics program and detector design.
  - ▶ Team leader for the OSU involvement in the ePIC collaboration and the hardware development related to the backward hadronic calorimeter project to be constructed by OSU
- **STAR Collaboration**
  - ▶ Member of the STAR collaboration conducting research in high energy nuclear physics.
  - ▶ Conducting research on novel entanglement enabled aspects of quantum mechanics and non-linear QED processes exploring the physics of ultra-strong fields

STAR Upgrade Management Team ePIC Team Leader

### Goldhaber Distinguished Fellow

2020 - 2022

Brookhaven National Laboratory & The Center for Frontiers in Nuclear Science

New York, NY, USA

- Discovery of the Breit-Wheeler process and vacuum birefringence in heavy-ion collisions (published in Physical Review Letters with one of the top 50 Altmetric scores of all time)
- Discovery of entanglement enabled spin interference and utilization of this newfound tool to perform the first measurement of nuclear skin depths in high-energy A+A collisions

Funding Award

### Post-doctoral Research Associate

2018 - 2020

Brookhaven National Laboratory

New York, NY, USA

- Contributed to STAR fixed target program, enabling STAR to operate in both the collider mode and fixed-target modes.
- Primary author on the paper containing the first physics result from the STAR fixed-target program
- Member of the Muon Telescope Detector upgrade team and primary author on the first physics result resulting from the STAR upgrade.

Fixed-target experiment Muon Telescope Detector

## Scientific Collaborations

- 2023 - current **Electron Proton Ion Collider Experiment (ePIC)**, OSU Team Leader & council representative
- 2013 - current **Solenoidal Tracker at RHIC (STAR)**, PhD Advisor: Frank Geurts, Rice University
- 2010-2013 **Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS)**, Advisor: Ivan Furic, University of Florida

## Awards & Honors

- 2023 **Early Career Research Award**, Department of Energy, Office of Science
- 2022 **Blavatnik Regional Award for Young Scientists, Finalist**, Blavatnik Family Foundation and New York Academy of Sciences
- 2020 **Goldhaber Distinguished Fellowship**, Brookhaven National Laboratory
- 2019 **Young Scientist Award**, Nuclear Physics A, presented by Elsevier at Quark Matter 2019
- 2019 **RHIC & AGS Thesis Award, Runner Up**, Rice University
- 2016 **Chuoque Award for Excellence**, Rice University
- 2013 **Sam & Helen Worden Fellowship**, Rice University
- 2009-2013 **Undergraduate Fellowship**, Naval Office of Advanced Research
- 2009 **Congressional Medal of Merit**, U.S. Congressman Bill Posey
- 2009 **Ying Grand Award & Ying Scholar**, Dr. Nelson Ying Foundation

## Teaching Experience

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- Fall 2023** PHYS1250 Recitation and Laboratory
- Spring 2024** PHYS5300 Theoretical and Computational Physics
- 2013-2015** Teaching Assistant, Introductory Physics Laboratory, Rice University

## Leadership & Service Roles

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### General

- 2020-Current **Journal and Grant Peer Review**  
EPJA | Physical Review Journals | Nature Physics | Nuclear Physics A | PPNP | DOE SBIR | DOE Experimental Nuclear Physics | FAPESP (Funding program in Brazil)
- Dec 2023 **Student Mentor & Session Convener**, The first international workshop on Ultra-Peripheral Collisions
  - Responsible for inviting speakers and chairing discussion sections
  - Met with students at various career stages to share advise develop mentoring relationships
- 2017-2018 **Student/Post-Doc Member**, RHIC & AGS User's Executive Committee
  - Member of the Funding, Politics, & Programmatics (FPP) committee
  - Member of the Meetings, Communication & Outreach (MCO) working group
- 2020-Current **Open Source Scientific Projects**
  - [RNUPlot](#) - a tool for using making publication quality plots with ROOT data formats using the popular GNUPlot program
  - [rootMD](#) - a Markdown parser for reproducible data science and analysis based on the ROOT analysis framework

### Ohio State University

- 2023 **Colloquium committee member**, OSU Physics department
  - Invited guest speakers from the field of nuclear physics
  - Sought invitations from early career candidates in under-represented minorities
- 2023 **Local organizing committee**, PIKMO (Phenomonology in Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio) workshop hosted at OSU
  - Invited guest speakers and organized submitted talks
  - Helped run the program (chairing sessions and organizing agenda)

### STAR Collaboration

- 2020-2023 **Co-convener of Light Spectra & Ultra-Peripheral Collisions**, STAR Physics Working
  - Advise and oversee > 30 students and post-doctoral researchers.
  - Participate in convener meetings to review all STAR papers before initiating publication process.
- 2020-current **Software Coordinator**, Management Team, STAR Forward Rapidity Upgrade
  - Develop detector geometries, simulations, custom tracking algorithms, and data reconstruction software for the suite of detectors in the STAR forward upgrade (silicon and gas chamber tracking detectors, electromagnetic and hadronic calorimetry).
  - Manage tasks and effort among members of the forward upgrade team including students / post-doctoral researchers from various institutions

**IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:**

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**NAME:** Chini, Jacquelyn

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**POSITION TITLE:** Associate Professor

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**PRIMARY ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION:** University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, United States

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**Professional Preparation:**

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	RECEIPT DATE	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, United States	Postdoctoral Fellow	2012 - 2013	physics
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, United States	PHD	12/2010	Physics
Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, United States	BA	05/2006	Physics

**Appointments and Positions**

2024 - present	Associate Professor, Ohio State University, Department of Physics, Columbus, Ohio, United States
2020 - 2024	Associate Professor, University of Central Florida, Physics Department, Orlando, Florida, United States
2015 - 2020	Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida, Physics Department, Orlando, Florida, United States
2013 - 2015	Director of Learning Assistant Program & Lecturer, University of Central Florida, Physics Department, Orlando, Florida, United States
2012 - 2013	Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Central Florida, Physics Department, Orlando, Florida, United States
2011 - 2012	Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida, Physics Department, Orlando, Florida, United States
2010 - 2010	Adjunct, Cloud County Community College, Junction City, Kansas, United States
2009 - 2010	GK-12 Fellow, National Science Foundation, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, United States
2006 - 2010	Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Kansas State University, Physics Department, Manhattan, Kansas, United States

**Products****Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project**

1. Chini J, Scanlon E. Teaching Physics with Disabled Learners: A Review of the Literature. In: Taşar M, Heron P, editors. The International Handbook of Physics Education Research: Special Topics [Internet] AIP Publishing LLC Melville, New York; 2023-03-17. 1-1-1-34p. Available from: <https://pubs.aip.org/books/book/161/chapter/81721516/Teaching-Physics-with-Disabled-Learners-A-Review> DOI: 10.1063/9780735425514\_001
2. Scanlon E, Legron-Rodriguez T, Schreffler J, Ibadlit E, Vasquez E, Chini J. Postsecondary chemistry curricula and universal design for learning: planning for variations in learners'

abilities, needs, and interests. *Chemistry Education Research and Practice*. 2018; 19(4):1216-1239. Available from: <http://xlink.rsc.org/?DOI=C8RP00095F> DOI: 10.1039/C8RP00095F

3. Scanlon E, James W, Vasquez III E, Chini JJ.. Postsecondary physics curricula and Universal Design for Learning: Planning for diverse learners. *Physical Review Physics Education Research*. 2018 July 02; 14:020101. DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.14.020101
4. Schreffler J, Vasquez III E, Chini J, James W. Universal Design for Learning in postsecondary STEM education for students with disabilities: a systematic literature review. *International Journal of STEM Education*. 2019 March 04; 6(8). DOI: 10.1186/s40594-019-0161-8
5. Scanlon E, Taylor Z, Raible J, Bates J, Chini J. Physics webpages create barriers to participation for people with disabilities: five common web accessibility errors and possible solutions. *International Journal of STEM Education*. 2021 April 02; 8(1):- . Available from: <https://stemeducationjournal.springeropen.com/articles/10.1186/s40594-021-00282-3> DOI: 10.1186/s40594-021-00282-3

#### Other Significant Products, Whether or Not Related to the Proposed Project

1. James W, Bustamante C, Lamons K, Scanlon E, Chini J. Disabling barriers experienced by students with disabilities in postsecondary introductory physics. *Physical Review Physics Education Research*. 2020; 16(2):- . Available from: <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020111> DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020111
2. Chini JJ, Saitta EKH, Kara A, Scanlon E. Explicating Universal Design for Learning-aligned Instructional Strategies for Postsecondary STEM. *Proceedings of the Physics Education Research Conference*. 2021. DOI: 10.1119/perc.2021.pr.Chini
3. Saitta EK.H., Wilcox M, James WD., Chini JJ.. The views of GTAs impacted by cross-tiered professional development: Messages intended and received. *International Journal of Research in Undergraduate Mathematics Education*. 2020 October; 6:421. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40753-020-00115-8>
4. Oleynik DP., Scanlon EM., Chini JJ.. Examining physicists' perspectives of career viability and knowledge of impairment. *Proceedings of the 2021 Physics Education Research Conference*. 2021. DOI: 10.1119/perc.2021.pr.Oleynik
5. Coffie CA., James W, Scanlon EM., Chini JJ.. Identifying Academic Ableism: Case Study of a UDL-Learning Community Participant. *Proceedings of the 2022 Physics Education Research Conference*. 2022. DOI: 10.1119/perc.2022.pr.Coffie

#### Synergistic Activities

1. Invited chapter lead for National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Disrupting Ableism and Advancing STEM workshop, Summer 2023
2. Invited presenter to National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Board on Science Education, Meeting #38, January 9-10, 2023
3. Chair-Elect, American Physical Society Group on Physics Education Research, 2022 - present
4. Dissertation advisor for American Physical Society Bridge Program students, 2016 - present
5. Department leader of the American Physical Society Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Alliance team, 2020 - 2023.

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**Professional Preparation:**

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University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, United States	Postdoctoral Fellow	07/2014 - 08/2015	Mentor: Martin Richardson
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, United States	Postdoctoral Fellow	08/2012 - 07/2014	Mentor: Zenghu Chang
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, United States	PHD	08/2012	Physics
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, United States	Graduate Student	08/2007 - 12/2010	Physics
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, QC, Canada	BS	05/2007	Physics (minor: Music Technology)

**Appointments and Positions**

2024 - present	Associate Professor of Physics, The Ohio State University, Department of Physics, Columbus, Ohio, United States
2020 - 2024	Associate Professor of Physics, University of Central Florida, tenured appointment, Orlando, Florida, United States
2015 - 2020	Assistant Professor of Physics, University of Central Florida, tenure-track appointment, Orlando, Florida, United States
2014 - 2015	Senior Research Scientist, University of Central Florida, CREOL, the College of Optics and Photonics, research focus on laser development and laser filamentation, Orlando, Florida, United States
2012 - 2014	Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Central Florida, Department of Physics, research focus on attosecond spectroscopy, Orlando, Florida, United States

**Products****Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project**

1. Beetar JE, Nrisimhamurthy M, Truong TC, Nagar GC, Liu Y, Nesper J, Suarez O, Rivas F, Wu Y, Shim B, Chini M. Multioctave supercontinuum generation and frequency conversion based on rotational nonlinearity. *Sci Adv.* 2020 Aug;6(34) PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC7442354](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/3442354/).
2. Jeong YG, Piccoli R, Ferachou D, Cardin V, Chini M, Hädrich S, Limpert J, Morandotti R, Légaré F, Schmidt BE, Razzari L. Direct compression of 170-fs 50-cycle pulses down to 1.5 cycles with 70% transmission. *Sci Rep.* 2018 Aug 7;8(1):11794. PubMed Central PMCID:

[PMC6081375](#).

3. Li J, Ren X, Yin Y, Zhao K, Chew A, Cheng Y, Cunningham E, Wang Y, Hu S, Wu Y, Chini M, Chang Z. 53-attosecond X-ray pulses reach the carbon K-edge. Nat Commun. 2017 Aug 4;8(1):186. PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC5543167](#).
4. Beetar JE, Nrisimhamurty M, Truong TC, Liu Y, Chini M. Thermal effects in molecular gas-filled hollow-core fibers. Opt Lett. 2021 May 15;46(10):2437-2440. PubMed PMID: [33988603](#).
5. Chini M, Zhao K, Chang Z. The generation, characterization and applications of broadband isolated attosecond pulses. Nature Photonics. 2014; 8(3):178-186. issn: 1749-4893

Other Significant Products, Whether or Not Related to the Proposed Project

1. Beetar J, Gholam-Mirzaei S, Chini M. Spectral broadening and pulse compression of a 400  $\mu$  J, 20 W Yb: KGW laser using a multi-plate medium. Applied Physics Letters. 2018; 112(5):051102. issn: 0003-6951
2. Jiang S, Gholam-Mirzaei S, Crites E, Beetar J, Singh M, Lu R, Chini M, Lin C. Crystal symmetry and polarization of high-order harmonics in ZnO. Journal of Physics B: Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics. 2019; 52(22):225601. issn: 0953-4075
3. Truong Tran-Chau, Beetar John E, Chini Michael. Light-field synthesizer based on multidimensional solitary states in hollow-core fibers. Optics Letters. 2023; 48(9):2397--2400.
4. Liu Yangyang, Beetar John E, Nesper Jonathan, Gholam-Mirzaei Shima, Chini Michael. Single-shot measurement of few-cycle optical waveforms on a chip. Nature Photonics. 2022; 16(2):109--112.
5. Beetar J, Rivas F, Gholam-Mirzaei S, Liu Y, Chini M. Hollow-core fiber compression of a commercial Yb: KGW laser amplifier. JOSA B. 2019; 36(2):A33-A37. issn: 1520-8540

Synergistic Activities

1. iFAST Point of Contact, LaserNetUS
2. Member-at-large, APS Division of Laser Science (2022-present)
3. Co-chair, 8th International Conference on Attosecond Physics, Orlando FL, July 2022
4. Member, APS DAMOP committee on ultrafast science (2019-2021)
5. Member of the UCF Physics Bridge Program site team (2015-present)

**Certification:**

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Assistant Professor of Material Science and Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering and Physics, The Ohio State University

## **Education and Training:**

A. B. Physics, Wabash College, IN 1995  
M. S. Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Delaware, DE 1999  
Ph. D. Physics, University of Delaware, DE 2004  
Postdoctoral Researcher, The Ohio State University, 2004 – 2006

## **Research and Professional Experience:**

Assistant Professor, Department of Material Science and Engineering, The Ohio State University, 2019 – Present  
Research Associate Professor of Physics, OSU 08/18-08/19  
Research Assistant Professor of Physics, OSU, 03/13-08/18  
Consultant for the Air Force Institute of Technology/Air Force Research Laboratory, WPAFB 2013-present  
Senior Research Associate, OSU Physics. 12/06-02/13

## **Selected Publications:**

1. A. Mushtaq, M. Y. Noor, R. Siebenaller, E. DeAngelis, A. Fisher, L. Clink, J. Twardowski, G. K. Salman, R. C. Myers, E. Rowe, B. S. Conner, M. A. Susner, and E. Chowdhury, "AgScP2S6 van der Waals Layered Crystal: A Material with a Unique Combination of Extreme Nonlinear Optical Properties," *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **14**, 3527–3534 (2023).
2. A. Mushtaq, L. Clink, M. Y. Noor, C. Kuz, E. Deangelis, R. Siebenaller, A. Fisher, D. Verma, R. C. Myers, B. S. Conner, M. A. Susner, and E. Chowdhury, "Ultrafast Nonlinear Absorption and Second Harmonic Generation in Cu<sub>0.33</sub>In<sub>1.30</sub>P<sub>2</sub>S<sub>6</sub> van der Waals Layered Crystals," *J. Phys. Chem. Lett.* **13**, 10513 (2022).
3. D. Hui, H. Alqattan, S. Zhang, V. Pervak, E. Chowdhury, and M. T. Hassan, "Ultrafast optical switching and data encoding on synthesized light fields," *Sci. Adv.* **9**(8), eadf1015 (2023). (Cover of Science Advance)
4. K. Werner, V. Gruzdev, N. Talisa, K. Kafka, D. Austin, C. M. Liebig, and E. Chowdhury, "Single-Shot Multi-Stage Damage and Ablation of Silicon by Femtosecond Mid-infrared Laser Pulses," *Sci. Rep.* **9**, 1–13 (2019).
5. D. R. Austin, K. R. P. Kafka, Y. H. Lai, Z. Wang, C. I. Blaga, and E. A. Chowdhury, "Femtosecond laser damage of germanium from near- to mid-IR wavelengths," *Opt. Lett.* **43**(15), 3702–3705 (2018).
6. M. R. Shcherbakov, K. Werner, Z. Fan, N. Talisa, **E. Chowdhury**, and G. Shvets, "Nonlinear manifestations of photon acceleration in time-dependent metasurfaces: tunable broadband harmonics generation," *Nat. Commun.* **10**(1345), 1–15 (2019) (<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-019-09313-8>)
7. M. R. Shcherbakov, H. Zhang, M. Tripepi, G. Sartorello, N. Talisa, A. Alshafey, Z. Fan, J. Twardowski, L. A. Krivitsky, A. I. Kuznetsov, **E. Chowdhury**, and G. Shvets, "Generation of even and odd high harmonics in resonant metasurfaces using single and multiple ultra-intense laser pulses," *Nat. Commun.* **12**(1), 4185 (2021).
8. K. Werner, M. Hastings, A. S. Schweinsberg, B. Wilmer, D. R. Austin, C. Wolfe, M. Kolesik, T. R. E. Ensley, L. Vanderhoef, A. Valenzuela, and E. A. Chowdhury, "Ultrafast mid-infrared high harmonic and supercontinuum generation with n<sub>2</sub> characterization in zinc selenide," *Opt. Express* **27**(3), 2867 (2019).



9. D. R. Austin, K. R. P. Kafka, S. Trendafilov, G. Shvets, H. Li, A. Y. Yi, U. B. Szafruga, Z. Wang, Y. H. Lai, C. I. Blaga, L. F. DiMauro, and E. a. Chowdhury, "Laser induced periodic surface structure formation in germanium by strong field mid IR laser solid interaction at oblique incidence," *Opt. Express* 23(15), 19522 (2015).
10. P. L. Poole, C. Willis, R. L. Daskalova, K. M. George, S. Feister, S. Jiang, J. Snyder, J. Marketon, D. W. Schumacher, K. U. Akli, L. Van Woerkom, R. R. Freeman, and **E. A. Chowdhury**, "Experimental capabilities of 0.4 PW, 1 shot/min Scarlet laser facility for high energy density science", *Applied Optics* Vol. 55, pp. 4713-4719 (2016)

#### **Research Experience**

Prof. Chowdhury is a leading expert in the field of short pulse lasers and laser damage, nonlinear optics, ultra-intense and high energy density laser matter interaction, and laser generated extreme materials. He led the design and construction of the 400 TW SCARLET laser system at the OSU High Energy Density Physics (HEDP) Laboratory, which was completed in 2012 [Laser focus world cover June 2012]. Along with development of SCARLET, he concentrated on research on intense laser accelerated multi-MeV particles from liquid targets in kHz repetition rate. In 2012, he established a new AFOSR funded laboratory devoted to studying femtosecond laser matter interaction near material damage threshold, which has concentrated on how laser damage mechanisms evolve from traditional near IR to mid IR wavelengths. His ongoing experimental efforts on various few cycle pulse and multi-pulse effects already show traditional models like Two Temperature Model (TTM) developed for near IR laser solid interaction may not be adequate, and new wavelength scaled paradigm may be necessary to explain intense laser solid interaction at longer wavelengths. He is well-known for his work on laser damage testing and modeling of high damage threshold optics used in high power ultrashort pulse lasers. He is also currently exploring strong optical nonlinearity and laser damage of van der Waals 2D MTP (metal thiophosphate) materials, and how these nonlinearities vary with temperature.

#### **Selected Synergistic Activities:**

1. Served at panel for Basic Research Needs on Laser technology: Organized by DoE, DoD and NSF to chart out high power intense laser technology needs in the coming decade. A Basic Research Need report will come out soon. July 2023
2. Served on the proposal review Panel member for the National Science Foundation Plasma Physics for the 2022-2023 cycle.
3. Optica Incubator Panelist on On Chip High Field Nano-photonics, July 2022.
4. Serving on the Peer review panel for the European Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI): A billion+ dollar three pan-European extreme laser facilities.
5. Organizer and co-Chair, FIERO (Frontiers In Extreme Relativistic Optics) AFOSR funded Workshop, Columbus OH, 2013,
6. Track co-Chair, High power laser science and engineering technology, IEEE RAPID (Research in Applications of Photonics in Defense)
7. Member SPIE Laser Damage Program Committee, Member IEEE RAPID Program Committee, former member CLEO Science and Innovation program committee (2019-2022)
8. Topical Editor, High Power Laser Science and Engineering Technology, Cambridge University Press
9. Reviewer for Journals and Funding Agencies including: OSA family, Nature family, Physics of Plasmas and others; Department of Energy, Department of Defense, National Science Foundation, ELI ERIC Proposal Review panel.

#### **Collaborators and Co-editors (last 48 months):**

LaserNetUS Pls ([www.lasernetus.org](http://www.lasernetus.org)) and senior personnel, Colin Danson (Imperial College), D. W. Schumacher (OSU), Roberto Myers (OSU), Jinwoo Hwang (OSU), L. Brillson (OSU), Michael Chini (UCF), Zenghu Chang (UCF), L. F. Dimauro (OSU), Anil Patnaik (AFIT), Michael Dexter (AFIT), Michael Susner (AFRL/RX), Carl Liebig (AFRL/RX), Miro Kolesik (U Arizona), Carmen Menoni (Colorado State), Emily Link (LLNL), Maxim Shcherbakov (UC Irvine), Gennady Shvets (Cornell), Laura Vanderhoef (ARL/APG), Glenn Daehn (OSU), Alok Sutradhar (OSU), Jay Gupta (OSU), P.

Agostini (The Ohio State University), Anthony Valenzuela (SMD), Miro Kolesik (U Arizona), J. T. Morrison (Contractor), C. Orban (The Ohio State University), J. Bromage (Laboratory for Laser Energetics), R. R. Freeman (The Ohio State University – Emeritus), V. Gruzdev (University of New Mexico), C. I. Blaga (Kansas State University), Brendan Reagan (Lawrence Livermore National Lab).

**Graduate and Postdoctoral Advisors:**

Barry C. Walker (University of Delaware), PhD adviser  
Richard R. Freeman (The Ohio State University), Postdoc adviser

**Graduate and Postdoctoral Advisees (Last Five Years):**

Advisees within last 5 years: Kyle Kafka (OSU PhD 2017, Laboratory for Laser Energetics, U Rochester), Drake Austin (OSU PhD 2017, AFRL), Kevin Werner (OSU PhD 2019, BAE Systems), Noah Talisa (OSU PhD 2020, APL Johns Hopkins), Brandon Harris (OSU MS 2019), Michael Tripepi (OSU PhD 2022, Hillsdale College), Simin Zhang (OSU PhD 2023, KLA Corp.), Liam Clink, Ryan Siebenaller, Emma DeAngelis, Mohamed Noor, Milo Eder, Conrad Kuz, Ziyao Su, Gulsum Salman, Md. Adnan, Justin Twardowski. Postdoctoral Advisee: Aamir Mushtaq, Joseph Smith (Asst. Prof. Marietta College), Hantian Gao (Applied Materials).

**Courses Taught:**

Autumn 2023: MATSCEN 7575-5575 Ultrashort pulse laser materials processing: a new senior undergraduate (5575) and graduate level (7575) course developed by me, based on previous MSE5193 (Independent study) developed and taught by me. The course covers basic optics, electromagnetics, deriving optical laws and effects from Maxwell's equations, laser physics, non-linear optics, ultrashort pulse laser physics, ultrashort pulse (USPL) laser damage physics, USPL surface engineering, USPL machining, USPL applications in surgery. Class also includes three labs, an optics lab, an ultrashort pulse laser optics lab, and a USPL materials interaction lab where students analyze USPL modified surfaces with scanning electron microscopy (SEM).

Spring 2023: MATSCEN 2331 Structure and Characterization Lab. Companion laboratory course to MatScEn 2241. Experiments on X-ray diffraction, scanning electron microscopy, optical microscopy, and stereology with applications. Statistical treatment of data and technical reporting. I teach the lab portion of the class. All sophomore majors of Materials Science and Engineering must take this class.

Autumn 2022: MATSCEN 5193.02 Ultrashort pulse laser materials processing (independent study): described earlier.

Spring 2022: MATSCEN 2331 Structure and Characterization Lab.

Autumn 2021: MATSCEN 5193.02 Ultrashort pulse laser materials processing (independent study): described earlier.

Spring 2021: MATSCEN 2331 Structure and Characterization Lab.

Autumn 2020: MATSCEN 5193.02 Ultrashort pulse laser materials processing (independent study): described earlier. Designed and taught first time.

Autumn 2019: MATSCEN 5605 Quantitative Introduction to Materials Science: beginning graduate level course, geared towards introducing the general concepts in a quantitative way to incoming graduate students from other disciplines.

**Senior Design/Capstone:** Besides traditional courses, I have taught several Senior design courses where 1-3 senior undergraduate students pursue a research project topic (e.g. USLP laser glass-metal welding) for the entire year (two semesters) under the guidance of the topic adviser.

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## Education

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### Degrees

***Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction*** Conferred December of 2013

Florida International University

Specialization: Science Education

Cognate: Physics

Dissertation: Cochran, G.L. (2013). [A Q Methodology Approach to Investigating the Relationship Between Level of Reflection and Typologies Among Prospective Teachers in the Physics Learning Assistant Program at Florida International University](#). *FIU Electronic Thesis and Dissertations*. 1000  
doi: [10.25148/etd.FI13120618](https://doi.org/10.25148/etd.FI13120618)

***Ed.S. in Science Education*** Conferred May of 2013

Florida International University

Specialization: Science Teacher Preparation

Project Title: Assessing the Reflective Practice of Prospective Teachers Through Written Reflections Using Nonparametric Statistics.

***M.A.T. in Secondary Education*** Conferred December of 2009

Chicago State University

Specialization: Secondary School Physics

Thesis Title: Understanding and Encouraging Effective Collaboration in Introductory Physics Courses.

***B.S. in Mathematics*** Conferred December of 2004

***B.S. in Physics***

Chicago State University

## Professional Experience (2019 – present)

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**Associate Professor** The Ohio State University (2023 - present)  
Department of Physics

**Associate Professor of Professional Practice** Rutgers University (2021 – 2023)

**Assistant Professor of Professional Practice** Rutgers University (2017 – 2021)

Office of STEM Education | Department of Physics and Astronomy

- facilitates 2 faculty learning communities focused on STEM Education Research
- supports course transformation, evaluation, and micro-research across STEM disciplines
- teaches the introductory physics sequence for engineering majors (P115/P116)
- serves as the administration overseeing the recitations for P115/116

**INSIGHT Program Manager (Consultant)** Michigan State University (2021 – 2022)

Facility for Rare Isotope Beams

- assisted principle investigator and co-investigators in implementing Department of Energy funded program to broaden participation in nuclear physics
- supported coordination and organization of INSIGHT program evaluation
- supported development and coordination of national initiative to broaden participation in nuclear physics

### **Acting Head of Diversity (Contractor)**

American Physical Society (APS)(2021 - 2022)

- supported strategic planning for the Programs Department
- oversaw enhancement of the APS National Mentoring Community (NMC) and completed strategic planning
- oversaw diversity related areas including the APS NMC, the APS Bridge Program, and the DELTA PHY Initiative, the HBCU/BSI Summit, and the APS Committee on Minorities
- developed organizational procedures and policies to support new initiatives, personnel transitions, and new personnel onboarding within the department.
- served on the departmental management team
- designed and oversaw a research study on the role of master's granting institutions in the APS bridge program

### **The College Board**

AP Physics 2 Development Committee

College Board (2019 – 2022)

Member/Consultant

- evaluated and developed questions for the AP Physics 2 Exam
- developed and delivered virtual lectures for the high school physics classroom

### **Honors, Awards, and Media Mention (2019 – Present)**

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1. Received the [Rutgers Chancellor-Provost Award for Excellence in STEM Diversity in 2022](#).
2. Elected a [Fellow of the American Association of Physics Teacher](#) in 2022.
3. Elected a [Fellow of the American Physical Society in 2020](#) through the Forum on Education.
4. 2019 recipient of the [Homer L. Dodge Citation for Distinguished Service to AAPT](#) by the America Association of Physics Teachers.
5. Cited by Erica Hunzinger in [Major league baseball is trying to bring more women into front offices and fields](#) (April 18, 2019), NPR.

### **Grants Awarded (2021 – Present)**

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1. Bennett Goldberg P(PI), Michael Wittmann (Co-PI), Diana Schmpazidi (Co-PI), Charles Henderson (Co-PI), and **Geraldine Cochran (Co-PI)**. [Inclusive Graduate Programs: An AGEPI Pilot in Physics](#), National Science Foundation, \$570,185. Awarded August 2023.
2. **G. Cochran (PI)**. [Conference: Coordination, Evaluation, and Support for Astronomy REU Sites \(CEASARS\)](#), National Science Foundation, **\$90,123**. Awarded February 2023.
3. **G. Cochran (PI)** and R. Gilman. [REU Site: Physics and Astronomy Research at Rutgers University](#), National Science Foundation, **\$336, 613**. Awarded May 2021.

### **Publications (2024 only)**

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1. McDermott L., Mosley, N., & Cochran G.L. (2024). Diverging nonlocal fields: Operationalizing critical disability physics identity with neurodivergent physicists outside academia, *Physical Review – Physics Education Research* (20), 010111.  
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**Education**

University of Rochester	1989	Ph.D. in Optics
University of Rochester	1983	M.S. in Optics
University of Rochester	1982	B.S. in Optics

**Selected Professional Experiences**

2021 -	Co-Founder, Verilock, Inc., Partnership and license with Cudasip, Inc.
2020 -	Co-Founder and Senior Developer, ResCon Technologies, LLC
2019 -	Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, The Ohio State University
2016 -	Professor of Physics, The Ohio State University
2015	Interim Chair, Department of Physics, Duke University
2013 - 2015	Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Duke University
2011 - 2015	Robert C. Richardson Professor of Physics, Duke University
2007 - 2011	Professor of Physics, Duke University
2005 - 2011	Chair, Department of Physics, Duke University
2004 -2007	Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Physics
2004 -2011	Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Duke University
2002 -2004	Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Associate Professor of Physics, Duke University
2001 - 2002	Director of Undergraduate Studies, Physics Department, Duke University
1997 - 1999	
2000 - 2004	Associate Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Duke University
1999 - 2002	Associate Professor of Physics, Duke University
1995 - 2000	Assistant Research Professor of Biomedical Engineering, Duke University
1992 - 1998	Assistant Professor of Physics, Duke University
1989 -1991	Research Associate, University of Oregon, Mentor: Thomas W. Mossberg
1982 -1989	Research Assistant, University of Rochester, Advisor: Robert W. Boyd

**Selected Awards**

2009 Outstanding Referee of the Physical Review and Physical Review Letters  
 2006 Fellow of Optica (formerly Optical Society of America)  
 2002 Fellow of the American Physical Society  
 1993 National Science Foundation Young Investigator  
 1992 U.S. Army Research Office Young Investigator

**Ph.D Students Mentored:** 5 current, 23 past, **Post-Doctoral Research Associates Mentored:** 20 past

**External funding: Pending:** \$1.4M, **Last 10 years:** \$8.7M, **Total:** \$34.9M

**Presentations: Total:** 246, **Last 10 years:** 62 invited, 1 contributed, **Patents:** 12

**Publications: Total Scholarly Works:** 253, **Citations (Google Scholar):** 16,993, **h-index:** 67

## Synergistic Activities

- 2022 Co-Organizer, National Science Foundation Project Scoping Workshop on Accelerating Progress Toward Practical Quantum Advantage
- 2018 - 2019 Member, National Science Foundation, Review of the Physics Frontiers Center Program
- 2016 - 2019 Deputy Editor, *Optica*, Optical Society of America
- 2015 – 2020 Member, Strategic Advisory Board for QuantIC, the Quantum Enhanced Imagine Hub, Glasgow, UK
- 2015 – 2020 Member, Editorial Board, *Physical Review E*

## Selected Publications

- P. Alsing, P. Battle, J. C. Bienfang, T. Borders, T. Brower-Thomas, L. Carr, F. Chong, S. Dadras, B. DeMarco, I. Deutsch, E. Figueroa, D. Freedman, H. Everitt, D. Gauthier, E. Johnston-Halperin, J. Kim, M. Kira, P. Kumar, P. Kwiat, J. Lekki, A. Loiacono, M. Loncar, J. R. Lowell, M. Lukin, C. Merzbacher, A. Miller, C. Monroe, J. Pollanen, D. Pappas, M. Raymer, R. Reano, B. Rodenburg, M. Savage, T. Searles, and J. Ye, ‘Accelerating Progress Towards Practical Quantum Advantage: The Quantum Technology Demonstration Project Roadmap,’ submitted for publication (2023).
- A. Conrad, S. Isaac, R. Cochran, D. Sanchez-Rosales, T. Rezaei, T. Javid, A. J. Schroeder, G. Golba, D. Gauthier, P. Kwiat, ‘Drone-based quantum communication links,’ Proc. SPIE, Quantum Computing, Communication, and Simulation III **12446**, 124460H (2023).
- R. D. Cochran and D. J. Gauthier, ‘Qubit-based clock synchronization for QKD systems using a Bayesian approach,’ Entropy **23**, 988 (2021).
- M. E. Shea, P. M. Baker, J. A. Joseph, J. Kim, D. J. Gauthier, ‘Submillisecond, nondestructive, time-resolved quantum-state readout of a single, trapped neutral atom,’ Phys. Rev. A **102**, 053101 (2020).
- C. Cahall, N. T. Islam, D. J. Gauthier, and J. Kim, ‘Multi-mode Time-delay Interferometer for Free-space Quantum Communication,’ Phys. Rev. Appl. **13**, 024047 (2020).
- N.T. Islam, C.C.W. Lim, C. Cahall, J. Kim, and D.J. Gauthier, ‘Securing quantum key distribution systems using fewer states,’ Phys. Rev. A **97**, 042347 (2018).
- K.L. Nicolich, C. Cahall, N.T. Islam, G.P. Lafyatis, J. Kim, A.J. Miller, and D.J. Gauthier, ‘Universal model for the turn-on dynamics of superconducting nanowire single-photon detectors,’ Phys. Rev. Appl. **12**, 034020 (2019).
- N. T. Islam, C. C. W. Lim, C. Cahall, B. Qi, J. Kim, and D. J. Gauthier, ‘Scalable high-rate, high-dimensional quantum key distribution,’ Quantum Sci. Technol. **4**, 035008 (2019).
- C. Cahall, K.L. Nicolich, T. Islam, G.P. Lafyatis, A.J. Miller, D.J. Gauthier, J. Kim, ‘Multi-Photon Detection using a Conventional Superconducting Nanowire Single-Photon Detector,’ Optica **4**, 1534 (2017).
- N.T. Islam, C.C.W. Lim, C. Cahall, J. Kim, and D.J. Gauthier, ‘Provably-secure and high-rate quantum key distribution with time-bin qudits,’ Sci. Adv. **3**, e1701491 (2017).
- T. Brougham, C.F. Wildfeuer, S.M. Barnett and D.J. Gauthier, ‘The information of high-dimensional time-bin encoded photons,’ European Phys. J. D **70**, 214 (2016).
- M. Mirhosseini, O.S. Magaña-Loaiza, N.N. O’Sullivan, B. Rodenburg, M. Malik, M.P.J. Lavery, M.J. Padgett, D.J. Gauthier, and R.W. Boyd, ‘High-dimensional quantum cryptography with twisted light,’ New J. Phys. **17**, 033033 (2015).

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**Professional Preparation:**

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, United States	PHD	12/2011	Theoretical and Applied Mechanics
Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Not Applicable, N/A, Iran	MS	06/2005	Mechanics of Solids and Structures
Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Not Applicable, N/A, Iran	BS	06/2003	Civil Engineering

**Appointments and Positions**

2024 - present Professor, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States

2021 - 2022 Visiting Professor, EPFL, Lausanne, Not Applicable, N/A, Switzerland

2019 - 2024 Associate Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States

2013 - 2019 Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States

2011 - 2013 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, United States

**Products****Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project**

1. Shih M, Miao J, Mills M, Ghazisaeidi M. Stacking fault energy in concentrated alloys. Nat Commun. 2021 Jun 11;12(1):3590. PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC8196205](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/3590/).
2. Antillon E, Ghazisaeidi M. Efficient determination of solid-state phase equilibrium with the multicell Monte Carlo method. Phys Rev E. 2020 Jun;101(6-1):063306. PubMed PMID: [32688575](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32688575/).
3. Niu C, LaRosa CR, Miao J, Mills MJ, Ghazisaeidi M. Magnetically-driven phase transformation strengthening in high entropy alloys. Nat Commun. 2018 Apr 10;9(1):1363. PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC5893566](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35893566/).
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10.1016/j.commatsci.2021.110322

**Synergistic Activities**

1. Elected vice chair of the 2025 Physical Metallurgy Gordon Research Conference.
2. Associate Editor: Acta Materialia and Scripta Materialia (2021-Present)□
3. Editorial Advisory Board Member: Computational Materials Science (2023-Present), High Entropy Alloys and Materials (2021-Present).
4. Outstanding Reviewer: Acta Materialia and Scripta Materialia (2019)□
5. Faculty Mentor: 2019 Physical Metallurgy Gordon Research Seminar, Manchester, NH

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The Ohio State University  
Dept. of Materials Science & Engineering  
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Columbus, OH 43210

## EDUCATION

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### *University of California, San Diego*

Jacobs School of Engineering and Dept. of Chemistry & Biochemistry

**Ph.D.** Materials Science & Engineering 2007

**M.S.** Materials Science & Engineering 2001

### *University of Oregon*

Dept. of Chemistry and Robert D. Clark Honors College

**B.A.** Chemistry (Minor: Mathematics) 2000

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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**Associate Professor, *The Ohio State University*** 2021 – Present

Depts. of Materials Science & Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering

**Assistant Professor, *The Ohio State University*** 2015 – 2021

Depts. of Materials Science & Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering

**Research Assistant Professor, *The Ohio State University*** 2012 – 2015

Depts. of Materials Science & Engineering, Electrical & Computer Engineering

**Research Staff, *The Ohio State University*** 2010 – 2012

Institute for Materials Research

**Postdoctoral Researcher, *The Ohio State University*** 2007 – 2010

Dept. of Electrical & Computer Engineering

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Synthesis and characterization of electronic and photonic materials; optoelectronics (e.g. photovoltaics and photodetectors); epitaxy science; microstructure and defect characterization and engineering; surface and interface science; semiconductor heteroepitaxy and dissimilar materials integration; metamorphic materials; materials characterization and analysis methodology and techniques; electron microscopy; first-principles (ab-initio) materials modeling; multi-scale integrated computational/experimental materials science and engineering.

## TEACHING

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***The Ohio State University*** 2015 – Present

- Courses taught (*\*development of new or significant redevelopment of existing course/lab*):
  - MSE 2241 (Structure and Characterization of Materials)
  - \*MSE 3331 (Materials Science and Engineering Lab I)

- \*MSE 5532 (Electronic and Optical Materials Properties Lab)
- \*MSE 5572 (Materials for a Sustainable Energy Future)
- \*ECE/MSE 5237 (Photovoltaics Processing and Characterization Lab)
- MSE 7895 (Graduate Seminar in Materials Science and Engineering)

### **ACADEMIC / UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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- Chair of OSU Semiconductor Curriculum Development committee (created via Intel SERP funded education project)
  - Led and/or assistant in development of new semiconductor-focused academic certificates at OSU and course frameworks at state-level (ODHE); leading/co-leading development of new semiconductor courses and experiential opportunities
- Advocate in OSU “Advocates & Allies for Equity) program
- Unit representative in College of Engineering “Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity Council”

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- IEEE Photovoltaic Specialists Conference, organizing committee: Conference General Chair (2024), Conference Deputy Chair (2024), Operations Chair (2023), Treasurer (2022); Diversity & Inclusion subcommittee, founding and active member (2019 – Present); Publications Chair (2017, 2018); Graduate Student Assistant program Chair (2014 – 2017)
- IEEE Photovoltaic Specialists Conference, program committee: Program Chair (2021), Deputy Program Chair (2020); Chair/Co-Chair for “Area 3: III-Vs and CPV” technical area (2017 – 2019); Sub-Area Chair (founder) of “Hybrid Tandems” and “Low-Cost III-Vs” cross-cutting areas (2015 – 2017)
- Microscopy & Microanalysis Conference: Co-Organizer “Defects in Materials: How We See and Understand Them” symposium (2021)
- OSU IMR Materials Week: Co-Chair “Sustainable Energy Harvesting and Storage” session (2015, 2016); Co-Chair “Infrared Materials and Technologies” (2018)
- ACCGE/OMVPE Workshop: Co-Chair “III/Vs on Silicon” symposium (2015)
- Editorial Board member for *IOP Journal of Physics D* (2020 – 2022)
- Associate Editor for *Frontier in Materials*, semiconductor materials and devices section (2023 – Present)
- Proposal referee for NSF, DOE, ARO, DTRA, various international funding agencies
- Journal referee for multiple high-impact journals in the topics of semiconductors, photovoltaics, epitaxy, and electron microscopy.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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- Publication of >110 scholarly journal articles and conference papers, 2 book chapters.
- *h*-index: 25

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PRIMARY ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION: The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States

**Professional Preparation:**

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	RECEIPT DATE	FIELD OF STUDY
University of California, Santa Barbara, California, United States	PHD	02/2022	Physics
University of California, Santa Barbara, California, United States	PHD	05/1999	Physics
University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, Illinois, United States	BS	01/1996	Chemistry
University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, Illinois, United States	BS	01/1996	Physics

**Appointments and Positions**

2020 - present Professor of Physics, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States

2007 - present Member, Chemical Physics Program, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States

2012 - 2020 Associate Professor of Physics, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States

2004 - 2012 Assistant Professor of Physics, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, United States

2002 - 2004 Postdoctoral Researcher, IBM Almaden Research, San Jose, California, United States

**Products****Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project**

1. Wang P, Lee W, Corbett JP, Koll WH, Vu NM, Laleyan DA, Wen Q, Wu Y, Pandey A, Gim J, Wang D, Qiu DY, Hovden R, Kira M, Heron JT, Gupta JA, Kioupakis E, Mi Z. Scalable Synthesis of Monolayer Hexagonal Boron Nitride on Graphene with Giant Bandgap Renormalization. *Adv Mater.* 2022 May;34(21):e2201387. PubMed PMID: [35355349](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35355349/).
2. Zhu T, O'Hara D, Noesges B, Zhu M, Repicky J, Brenner M, Brillson L, Hwang J, Gupta J, Kawakami R. Coherent growth and characterization of van der Waals 1T-VSe<sub>2</sub> layers on GaAs(111)B using molecular beam epitaxy. *PHYSICAL REVIEW MATERIALS.* AUG; 4(8). DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.4.084002
3. Young J, Chilcote M, Barone M, Xu J, Katoch J, Luo Y, Mueller S, Asel T, Fullerton-Shirey S, Kawakami R, Gupta J, Brillson L, Johnston-Halperin E. Uniform large-area growth of nanotemplated high-quality monolayer MoS<sub>2</sub>. *APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS.* JUN; 110(26). DOI: 10.1063/1.4989851

4. Lee D, Gupta JA. Perspectives on deterministic control of quantum point defects by scanned probes. *Nanophotonics*. 2019 November; 8(11):2033. DOI: 10.1515/nanoph-2019-0212
5. Lee DH, Gupta JA. Tunable field control over the binding energy of single dopants by a charged vacancy in GaAs. *Science*. 2010 Dec 24;330(6012):1807-10. PubMed PMID: [21148345](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21148345/).

*Other Significant Products, Whether or Not Related to the Proposed Project*

**Synergistic Activities**

1. Director, NSF NRT-QUGIP: Quantum Graduate Interdisciplinary Program (2023-present): This NRT training grant is to help launch a new MS/PHD graduate program in quantum information science and engineering (QISE) at Ohio State University. QuGIP will be a standalone degree program to address structural disincentives for interdisciplinary graduate education such as tensions for disciplinary specialization, student assistantship funding, and academic vs. industry workforce preparation. The launch phase of this program will directly fund 25 trainees, along with 10-20 additional degree students funded from other sources such as assistantships and competitively awarded university fellowships.
2. Ohio State Physics Bridge Program (co-Director 2014-22, Director 2022-present) – This program is a 1-2 year post-baccalaureate program designed to help promising students from underrepresented groups who weren't accepted into graduate programs due to factors such as mixed grades or lack of research experience. The program emphasizes an individualized curriculum, academic and fellowship support and close academic / research mentorship. OSU Physics is helping the American Physical Society extend the Bridge program model through partnership with other professional societies such as the American Chemical Society, American Astronomical Society, Materials Research Society and the American Geophysical Union.
3. Co-Director, NSF Partnership in Research and Education in Materials (NSF-PREM) (seed award 2021-present). This partnership with Hispanic-serving California State University, Long Beach, leverages the research infrastructure associated with Ohio State's NSF MRSEC: Center for Emergent Materials, with a goal to increase opportunities toward the PhD for underrepresented students. PREM activities include research visits, summer opportunities for undergraduates, and joint professional development opportunities.
4. Member, RAISIN network (2021-present): The Roadmap for Applications of Implanted Single Impurities Network was formed in 2021 to facilitate collaborations between groups worldwide that are developing fabrication processes using implanted single impurities for quantum science and technology. In addition to a quarterly webinar series, RAISIN hosts international workshops and supports travel grants for international research experiences.
5. Professional and public service: Review: (panels) NSF Chemical Catalysis (2022), SLAC SIMES program review (2018), NSF CMP (2010), NSF MRI (2008) , (proposals) PRF, NSF (CAREER, DMR); U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation, DOE, Netherlands FOM, Germany DFG, RCSA, Alberta CANADA, Beckman Foundation, Cy-Terra (Cyprus); (journals): PRL, Science, Nature, Nature Nanotech, Nanoletters, APL, RSI, MRS proceedings, J. Physical Chemistry, ACS Nano, Physica E, JACS, Surface Science, J.Phys.ChemB., Organizer, 2023 Conference on spin polarized STM.

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### Professional preparation

Ohio State University	Cosmology/Astrophysics	Post-doc 1996-99
Fermi National Accelerator Lab	Cosmology/Astrophysics	Post-doc 1994-96
University of Washington	Physics	Ph.D., 1994
Peace Corps, Gabon, Africa	H.S. Science Teacher	1986-88
Ohio State University	Physics	B.S., 1986

### Appointments

Assistant Dean, College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Ohio State Univ. 1998-2005.  
Assistant Professor, Department of Physics, Ohio State University. 2005-2011.  
Associate Professor, Department of Physics, Ohio State University. 2011-2017.  
Professor, Department of Physics, Ohio State University. 2017-present.

### Grant Funding

#### Current:

“STEM Fluency: Expanding the Effectiveness, Relevance, Equity, and Accessibility of Online Learning of Essential STEM Skills” PI: A. Heckler, Co-PI Don Walters 10/1/2023-9/30/2026, \$599,542.

“Constructing Valid, Equitable, and Flexible Kinematics and Dynamics Assessment Scales with Evidence-Centered Design” Collaborative Project: Lead PI (MSU): R. Henderson (\$240,000), WVU PI: J. Stewart (\$160,000), OSU PI: A. Heckler (\$196,959) 10/1/2023-9/30/2026

“QuSTEAM: Convergent undergraduate education in Quantum Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics,” PI: E. Johnston-Halperin. Co-PI A. Heckler. NSF Accelerator Grant, 10/2021-8/2024 \$5M

Previous: Over \$4M from 9 grants since 2004 (Lead PI on 5), from NSF IUSE, NSF NRT-IGE, NSF REESE, NSF MRSEC, Institute for Education Sciences, Ohio Department of Education

### Awards

- 1) Fellow of the American Physical Society, 2021
- 2) University Distinguished Teaching Award, Ohio State University, 2018
- 3) Outstanding Referee Award, American Physical Society, 2016
- 4) Outstanding Teaching Award, Physics Department, Ohio State University, 2016

### Publications (77 publications, Google Scholar: >2700 Citations, h-index = 26)

- Physics Education and Cognition Research: 30 Publications in peer-reviewed journals
- Astrophysics and Cosmology: 9 Publications in peer-reviewed journals
- Book Chapters: 2 publications
- Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings: 36 peer-reviewed publications

### Invited and Peer-reviewed Presentations (> 60 since 2005)

#### Other Products:

- STEMfluency.org: research-based online learning application used by over 35,000 students.
- Graduate group work tutorials in quantum mechanics, on Physport.org
- Group work tutorials for introductory material science.

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**Professional Preparation:**

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	RECEIPT DATE	FIELD OF STUDY
California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, USA	Postdoctoral Fellow	06/2003 - 06/2006	Division of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering
University of California at Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, USA	PHD	05/2003	Physics
Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, USA	BS	05/1996	Physics
University of California at Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, USA	MS	06/2000	Physics

**Appointments and Positions**

2019 - present Professor of Physics, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA  
 2012 - 2019 Associate Professor of Physics, Ohio State University, Physics, Columbus, OH, USA  
 2011 - 2017 Director, Center for the Exploration of Novel Complex Materials (ENCOMM),  
 Columbus, OH, USA  
 2006 - 2012 Assistant Professor of Physics, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA

**Products****Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project**

1. Asfaw A, Blais A, Brown K, Candelaria J, Cantwell C, Carr L, Combes J, Debroy D, Donohue J, Economou S, Edwards E, Fox M, Girvin S, Ho A, Hurst H, Jacob Z, Johnson B, Johnston-Halperin E, Joynt R, Kapit E, Klein-Seetharaman J, Laforest M, Lewandowski H, Lynn T, McRae C, Merzbacher C, Michalakakis S, Narang P, Oliver W, Palsberg J, Pappas D, Raymer M, Reilly D, Saffman M, Searles T, Shapiro J, Singh C. Building a Quantum Engineering Undergraduate Program. IEEE Transactions on Education. 2022; 65(2):220-242. Available from: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9705217/> DOI: 10.1109/TE.2022.3144943
2. Candido D, Fuchs G, Johnston-Halperin E, Flatté M. Predicted strong coupling of solid-state spins via a single magnon mode. Materials for Quantum Technology. 2020 December 30; 1(1):011001-. Available from: <https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/2633-4356/ab9a55> DOI: 10.1088/2633-4356/ab9a55
3. McCullian B, Chilcote M, Bhallamudi V, Purser C, Johnston-Halperin E, Hammel P. Broadband Optical Detection of Ferromagnetic Resonance From the Organic-Based Ferrimagnet V[TCNE]<sub>x</sub> Using N- V Centers in Diamond. Physical Review Applied. 2020; 14(2):- . Available from: <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevApplied.14.024033> DOI:

10.1103/PhysRevApplied.14.024033

4. Pu Y, Odenthal P, Adur R, Beardsley J, Swartz A, Pelekhov D, Flatté M, Kawakami R, Pelz J, Hammel P, Johnston-Halperin E. Ferromagnetic Resonance Spin Pumping and Electrical Spin Injection in Silicon-Based Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Heterostructures. *Physical Review Letters*. 2015 December 10; 115(24):- . Available from: <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevLett.115.246602> DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.115.246602
5. Pu Y, Beardsley J, Odenthal P, Swartz A, Kawakami R, Hammel P, Johnston-Halperin E, Sinova J, Pelz J. Correlation of electrical spin injection and non-linear charge-transport in Fe/MgO/Si. *Applied Physics Letters*. 2013 July; 103(1):012402-. Available from: <http://aip.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/1.4812980> DOI: 10.1063/1.4812980

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1. Chilcote M, Lu Y, Johnston-Halperin E. Organic-based magnetically ordered films. Miller J, Vardeny Z, Wohlgennant M, editors. World Scientific; 2018///. 125-168p. DOI: 10.1142/9789813230200\_0003
2. Tjung S, Hollen S, Gambrel G, Santagata N, Johnston-Halperin E, Gupta J. Crystalline hydrogenation of graphene by scanning tunneling microscope tip-induced field dissociation of H<sub>2</sub>. *Carbon*. 2017 November; 124:97-104. Available from: <https://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S0008622317307261> DOI: 10.1016/j.carbon.2017.07.044
3. Young J, Chilcote M, Barone M, Xu J, Katoch J, Luo Y, Mueller S, Asel T, Fullerton-Shirey S, Kawakami R, Gupta J, Brillson L, Johnston-Halperin E. Uniform large-area growth of nanotemplated high-quality monolayer MoS<sub>2</sub>. *Applied Physics Letters*. 2017 June 26; 110(26):263103-. Available from: <http://aip.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/1.4989851> DOI: 10.1063/1.4989851
4. Jaworski C, Myers R, Johnston-Halperin E, Heremans J. Giant spin Seebeck effect in a non-magnetic material. *Nature*. 2012; 487(7406):210-213. Available from: <http://www.nature.com/articles/nature11221> DOI: 10.1038/nature11221
5. Beckman R, Johnston-Halperin E, Luo Y, Green J, Heath J. Bridging Dimensions: Demultiplexing Ultrahigh-Density Nanowire Circuits. *Science*. 2005 October 21; 310(5747):465-468. Available from: <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/science.1114757> DOI: 10.1126/science.1114757

**Synergistic Activities**

1. Inaugural co-Director of the Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering at The Ohio State University (2022-present). Role includes coordination of 40+ faculty across 2 colleges and 6 departments, building bridges between academia and industry, and developing research infrastructure for QISE.
2. Broadening the STEM pipeline through innovations in pedagogy: Johnston-Halperin is a founding member of the Ohio State University Masters to PhD Bridge Program (2014-present) and is the PI of the NSF funded QuSTEAM initiative (2020-present), a national network of colleges and universities targeting the development of undergraduate curricula in quantum information.



3. Co-lead of IRG-1: “Towards Spin-Preserving, Heterogeneous Spin Networks” within Ohio State's MRSEC the Center for Emergent Materials (2008 - 2014).

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# Curriculum Vitae

Thomas Kerler

## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2014 - present: The Ohio State University. Professor of Mathematics.
- 2002 - 2014 : The Ohio State University. Associate Professor of Mathematics. (with tenure)
- 1996 - 2002: The Ohio State University. Assistant Professor of Mathematics
- 5/96-9/96: UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA. Research Fellow.
- 1995 - 1996: Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton. School of Mathematics. Member.
- 1992 - 1995: Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.  
Benjamin Peirce Lecturer, Assistant Professor of Mathematics.
- 1986-1992: ETH Zürich, Theoretical Physics & Mathematics. Teaching Assistant.

## EDUCATION

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- 1992: Doctoral Degree (with distinction) in Mathematical Physics  
Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule , Zürich. Advisor: Jürg Fröhlich.
- 1989: Diplom in Theoretical Physics.  
Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule , Zürich. Advisor: Jürg Fröhlich.
- Oct. 1985: Vordiplome in Mathematics and Physics.  
University of Heidelberg.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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- “Non-semisimple Topological Quantum Field Theories for 3-Manifolds with Corners”. *Lecture Notes in Mathematics* **1765** Springer-Verlag, 2001. xi + 375 pages. (with V. Lyubashenko)
- “Quantumgroups, Quantumcategories and Quantumfieldtheory” *Lecture Notes in Mathematics* **1542**, Springer Verlag, 1993. xiii + 436 pages (Second Edition, 1995). (with J.Fröhlich)
- “The Lawrence-Krammer-Bigelow representations of the braid groups via  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ ”. *Adv. Math.* **228** (2011) 1689-1717.
- “Bridged Links and Tangle Presentations of Cobordism Categories”. *Adv. Math.* **141** (1999) 207-281.
- “On the Connectivity of Cobordisms and Half-Projective TQFT’s”. *Commun. Math. Phys.* **198** (1998) 535-590.
- “Structuring the Set of Incompressible Quantum Hall Fluids”, *Nucl. Phys.B* **453** (1995) 670-704. (with J.Fröhlich, U.Studer, E.Thiran)
- “Mapping Class Group Actions on Quantum Doubles”. *Commun. Math. Phys.* **168** (1994) 353-388.
- “Universality in Quantum Hall Systems” *Nucl. Phys.B* **354** (1991) 369-417. (with J.Fröhlich)

## MENTORING

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### Graduated Students

- ◆ Matthew Harper, **PhD 2021** (Jobs: VAP at UC Riverside; Post-doc at Michigan State)
- ◆ Yilong Wang, **PhD 2018** (Jobs: VAP Louisiana State, Assist Prof - tenure-track at BIMSA)
- ◆ Alexander Borland, **PhD 2017** (Job: OSU Lecturer)
- ◆ Jennifer (George) Sheldon, **PhD 2013** (Jobs: Assist Prof – clinical at OSU)
- ◆ Matthew Sequin, **PhD 2012** (Jobs: Assist Prof – tenure-track at St Peter's Univ;  
Assoc Prof – teaching at Rutgers)
- ◆ Thomas Johnson, **MS Thesis 2007** (Jobs: Software industry).
- ◆ Craig Jackson, **MS Thesis 2001** (PhD Univ Chicago; Prof tenured at Ohio Wesleyan)

### Post-Doctoral

- ◆ *Principal Mentor*: Qi Chen (Prof tenured at Winston Salem State); Craig Jackson (Prof tenured at Ohio Wesleyan); Ahn Tran: (Assoc Proftenured at Univ of Texas – Dallas); Yu Tsumura (Data Analyst, Japan).
- ◆ *Co-Mentor*: Alissa Crans (Prof tenured at Loyola Marymount); Christopher Davis (Assoc Prof tenured at Univ Wisconsin – Eau Claire); Sujoy Mukherjee (VAP University of Denver)

## ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS & UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE SERVICE

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- Vice-Chair for Graduate Studies, 2008-2023.
- Graduate School Council, 2021-2024.
- Graduate Curriculum Committees: ASC 2012-2015; GS/CAA: 2021-2023.
- ASC Committee for Fellowships & Grad Studies: 2014, 2021
- Freshmen Calculus Coordinator (Math 151, ~2500 students/year) 2004-2008.

## SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES


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- *National Math Alliance*: 2014-pres Doctoral Program Group Lead, establish on-boarding mentoring program, F-GAP Facilitator, Alliance Member/Partner Liaison.
- *Sampling Advanced Mathematics for Minority Students (SAMMS)* 2011-2019 (annual). Collaboration on program design, organization, and graduate events.
- *Young Mathematicians Conference*: 2003-2007, 2009-2012. Organization, funding opportunities, design of event and evaluation process, technology development, training of new organizers.
- Numerous talks and consultations about graduate school with undergraduates at universities across the US and national conferences.
- Development of graduate program management software. Design and coding of various stand-alone applications, and directing of *GradCentral* software development through ASC. Development of *Simply Connected @ OSU Math* after abandoning GradCentral in 2016.

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### Education

B.S. 1985 Chemistry *Stanford University*  
Ph.D. 1990 Physical Chemistry *Massachusetts Institute of Technology*  
Advisor: Prof. Keith A. Nelson

Thesis: Ultrafast Dynamics of Molecular Liquids Investigated by Femtosecond Light Scattering

### Appointments

July 2016 – present **Professor and Ohio Eminent Scholar**, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, The Ohio State University  
2009 – 2016 **Professor of Chemistry**, Montana State University  
2011 – 2012 **Interim Department Head**, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Montana State University  
Summer 2008 **Visiting Professor of Physics**, Aarhus University  
1995 – 2009 **Assistant, Associate, Full Professor**, Department of Chemistry, *The Ohio State University*

### Honors and Awards

ERUDITE Scholar-in-Residence, Kerala State Higher Education Council, India, 2019.  
Inter-American Photochemical Society (I-APS) Award in Photochemistry, 2017.  
AAAS Fellow, 2015.  
Cox Award for Creative Scholarship and Teaching, MSU, 2015.  
Charles and Nora L. Wiley Faculty Award for Meritorious Research, Montana State University, 2010.  
Arts and Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award Finalist, The Ohio State University, 2009.  
Visiting Professor Fellowship, University of Aarhus, Denmark, summer 2008.  
Research Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, 2004-2005.  
Associate Editor, *Photochemistry and Photobiology*, 2004-present.

### Research Interests

Ultrafast excited state dynamics in biomolecules (DNA, melanin) and nanomaterials; electronic and vibrational spectroscopy in the condensed phase; exciton and charge transport dynamics in self-assembled nanomaterials for photocatalysis and solar energy conversion; photophysics of disordered carbon nanomaterials and non-stoichiometric metal oxides

### Recent Research Grants

1. National Science Foundation, Dynamics of Excited Electronic States in DNA Strands and DNA-Silver Nanoclusters, 8/1/18 – 7/31/23, \$466,789. *Photophysics of DNA-metal nanoassemblies*.
2. ACS Petroleum Research Fund, Probing Elementary Photochemical Events in Cerium Oxide by Steady-State and Ultrafast Spectroscopy, 7/1/16 – 8/31/19, \$110,000. *Investigating carrier dynamics and the interfacial photochemistry of ceria nanoparticles*.
3. National Science Foundation, Dynamics of Excited Electronic States in DNA Strands, 8/1/15 – 7/31/18, \$433,300. *Study of proton-coupled electron transfer in DNA strands in water and in ionic liquids by femtosecond TRIR spectroscopy*.
4. NASA, *A Bottom-up Approach to Understanding UV Hardiness in Prebiotic Nucleic Acids*, 1/17/12 – 6/30/16, \$281,658 (MSU portion), co-PI. *Investigated photostability mechanisms of DNA and related prebiotic compounds using time-resolved spectroscopy*.

## Professional Service

American Chemical Society, Physical Chemistry Division, Vice-Chair Elect, 2024  
President and Past-President, Telluride Science Research Center (2021-2022)  
Alternate Councilor, Physical Division of the American Chemical Society (2020-2022)  
Co-Vice Chair (2009) and Co-Chair (2012) of Electronic Spectroscopy & Dynamics Gordon Conference.  
Co-Vice Chair (2011) and Co-Chair (2013) of Photochemistry Gordon Research Conference.

## Current Graduate Students and Postdocs

Alex Hanes, Lily Kinziabulatova, Bach Pham, Meera Madhu, Bárbara Fornaciari, Rayne Pozza, Zachary Hunchuk

## Recent and Selected Publications (>8,000 citations, *h*-index = 44)

138. Martínez-Fernández, Lara; Kohl, Forrest R.; Zhang, Yuyuan; Ghosh, Supriya; Saks, Andrew J.; Kohler, Bern "Triplet excimer formation in a DNA duplex with silver ion-mediated base pairs," *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*, **2024**, *146*, 1914-1925. DOI: 10.1021/jacs.3c08793.
137. Wang, Xueli; Martinez-Fernandez, Lara; Zhang, Yuyuan; Wu, Pecong; Kohler, Bern; Improta, Roberto; Chen, Jinquan, "Ultrafast Formation of a Delocalized Triplet Excited State in an Epigenetically Modified DNA Duplex under Direct UV Excitation," *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2024**, *146*, 1839-1848. DOI: 10.1021/jacs.3c04567.
136. Ghosh, Supriya; Pham, Bach; Madhu, Meera; Kohler, Bern "Interband and Intraband Induced Hot Electron Transfer in Plasmonic Gold-Cerium Oxide Core-Shell Nanoparticles," *J. Phys. Chem. C*, **2023**, *127*, 21593-21602. DOI: 10.1021/acs.jpcc.3c03856.
135. Wang, Xueqing; Kinziabulatova, Lilia; Bortoli, Marco; Manickoth, Anju; Barilla, Marisa A.; Huang, Haiyan; Blancafort, Lluís; Kohler, Bern; Lumb, Jean-Philip Lumb "Indole-5, 6-quinones mimic the optical and electronic properties of eumelanin," *Nature Chem.* **2023**, *15*, 787-793. DOI: 10.1038/s41557-023-01175-4.
134. Hanes, Alex T; Grieco, Christopher; Lalisce, Remy F.; Hadad, Christopher M.; Kohler, Bern "Vibrational Relaxation by Methylated Xanthenes in Solution: Insights from 2D-IR Spectroscopy and Calculations," *J. Chem. Phys.* **2023**, *158*, 044302 (16 pages). DOI: 10.1063/5.0135412.
133. Grieco, C.; Kohl, F. R.; Kohler, B. "Ultrafast Radical Photogeneration Pathways in Eumelanin", *Photochem. Photobiol.* **2023**, *99*, 680-692. DOI: 10.1111/php.13731.
126. Grieco, C.; Kohl, F. R.; Hanes, A. T.; Kohler, B. "Probing the Heterogeneous Structure of Eumelanin using Ultrafast Vibrational Fingerprinting," *Nature Commun.* **2020**, *11*, 4569 (9 pages). DOI: 10.1038/s41467-020-18393-w.
96. Zhang, Y.; de La Harpe, K.; Beckstead, A. A.; Improta, R.; Kohler, B. "UV-induced Proton Transfer Between DNA Strands," *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2015**, *137*, 7059-7062. **Selected for a JACS spotlight and cover of issue 27, volume 137 (July 15, 2015).**
62. Schreier, W. J.; Schrader, T. E.; Koller, F. O.; Gilch, P.; Crespo-Hernández, C. E.; Swaminathan, V. N.; Carell, T.; Zinth, W.; Kohler, B. "Thymine Dimerization in DNA is an Ultrafast Photoreaction," *Science* **2007**, *315*, 625-629.
58. Crespo-Hernández, C. E.; Cohen, B.; Kohler, B. "Base stacking controls excited-state dynamics in A-T DNA," *Nature* **2005**, *436*, 1141-1144. DOI: 10.1038/nature03933

## Invited Seminar and Colloquium Presentations

100+ invited lectures at universities and international conferences since 2010.

## Research Capabilities

The Kohler group has state-of-the-art instrumentation for measuring absorption and emission from femtosecond to millisecond time scales. Probing of electronic and vibrational transitions is possible using femtosecond laser pulses with wavelengths that span the UV (200 – 400 nm) to the mid-IR (2 – 10  $\mu$ m). A full suite of instrumentation for steady-state spectroscopy (CD, UV/vis, FTIR, fluorescence) is also available for comprehensive photochemical investigations.

# ALEXANDRA S. LANDSMAN

## EDUCATION

**Princeton University, Ph.D. in Plasma Physics, 2005**  
**Dartmouth College, B.A., High Honors in Physics, 1998**

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

**Department of Physics, Ohio State University**  
Associate Professor, 2019-present

**Max Planck Institute for the Physics of Complex Systems (MPIPKS/MPK)**  
Group Leader of Ultrafast Laser-Matter Interaction Group, 2015 – 2019  
Partial employment at the Seminar of Applied Math, ETH Zurich, 2015-2017

**Department of Physics, ETH Zürich**  
Senior Scientist (Marie Curie, Ultrafast Laser Physics group), 2011 – 2014

**Department of Physics, ETH Zürich**  
Research Scientist, 2010 – 2011

**James Madison University**  
Tenure-track assistant professor, 2008- 2009

**National Academy of Sciences**  
National Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow (NRL), 2005-2008

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Honors Intermediate E&M (Physics 5400H), Fall 2021, 2022, 2023
- Honors Advanced E&M (Physics 5401H), Spring 2022, 2023, 2024
- Condensed Matter Physics (Physics 6806), Spring 2020, 2021
- Ionization of Atomic Systems (Master-level course), Autumn 2013
- Ultrafast Dynamics in Atoms, Molecules, and Plasmas (Master-level course), Spring 2013
- Topics in Attosecond Science (Master-level course), Fall 2012
- Strong Field Laser Ionization (Master-level course), Spring 2012
- Laser-Atom Interaction (Master-level course), Spring 2011
- Nonlinear Dynamics (elective upper-level undergraduate course), Spring 2009
- Modern Physics (required course for majors), Autumn 2008

## STUDENTS AT OSU

- Graduate student (A. Schmoller), June 2022-present
- Graduate student (B. Grafstrom), June 2021-present
- Graduate student (A. AlShafey), June 2020 – present
- Undergraduate student (L. McHale), Summer 2023
- Undergraduate student (H. Pasquinilli), April 2022-present

- Undergraduate student (Steven Speck), December 2022-May 2023

### **FUNDING at OSU**

- NSF PI-grant, \$200K, funding period 2022-2025
- DOE PI-grant, \$402K, funding period 2021-2024
- NSF-MRSEC, \$18M funding for 2020-2026 (one of 20 co-PIs)
- OSU Materials Research Seed Grant, \$45K (PI with Mohit Randeria co-PI), 2021

### **EXTERNAL SERVICE**

- NSF review panel (2-day virtual site visit), Plasma Physics Division, 2022-2023
- NSF review panel (2-day virtual site visit), AMO Theory Division, 2022-2023
- Chair of XFEL and High-field Laser Science subcommittee of FiO+LS 2023 (organized by Optica)
- APS DAMOP organizing committee, 2022-2023
- DFG proposal reviewer, 2022-2023
- Chaired a Session at FiO+LS, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- DOE review panel (2-day virtual site visit), December 13-14, 2021
- Reviewer of DOE PI proposals, 2021, 2023
- Editorial Board Member for New Journal of Physics, June 2020 - present
- Chair of Focus Session at APS DAMOP meeting, June 2021
- Committee member for CLEO for selecting contributed and invited talks for CLEO, 2019-2021

### **OUTREACH**

- Interviewed for *Wired* magazine story: “How to use a laser to kick an electron out of a molecule”, November 2022
- Interviewed for *Wired* magazine story: “How quickly can atoms slip ghostlike through barriers?”, July 2020
- Interviewed for *SPIE News*, Photonics Focus: “What exactly is a photon?”, November 2020
- Speaker at CUWiP (APS Virtual Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics), 2021

### **JOURNAL REFEREEING**

*Science, Nature, PNAS, Nature Physics, Nature Communications, Nature Communications Physics, Physical Review Letters, Phys. Rev. A, Phys. Rev. B, Journal of Physics B, Scientific Reports, Physics Letters A, Physica D, Physica A, Chaos, IEEE Photonics, IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems, Fluctuations and Noise Letters, Communications in Numerical Methods in Engineering, Discrete and Continuous Dynamical Systems, Optics Letters, Optics Express, ACS Photonics, New Journal of Physics, Physics of Plasmas,*

### **ORGANIZED EVENTS**

- Program Committee member at APS DAMOP (APS Division of Atomic, Molecular and Optical Physics), 2022-23
- One of the organizers for the Frontiers in Chemical Physics Lecture Series, Spring 2023
- Committee member for CLEO, FS7 High-Field Physics and Attosecond Science Subcommittee, 2019-2021.
- On Scientific Advisory Board for *Time and Fundamentals of Quantum Mechanics*, Weizmann Institute, January 28-31, 2019

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**ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION:** The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, United States**Professional Preparation:**

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	DATE RECEIVED	FIELD OF STUDY
Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA, United States	PHD	09/2011	Physics
Tsinghua University, Beijing, China	BS	07/2007	Physics

**Appointments and Positions**

- 2019 - present Associate Professor, The Ohio State University, Department of Physics, Columbus, OH, United States
- 2015 - 2019 Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University, Department of Physics, Columbus, OH, United States
- 2011 - 2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Material Sciences Division, Berkeley, CA, United States

**Products****Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project**

1. Yan-Qi Wang, Chunxiao Liu, Yuan-Ming Lu. Theory of topological defects and textures in two-dimensional quantum orders with spontaneous symmetry breaking. 2022 November. Available from: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.13207> DOI: 10.48550/ARXIV.2211.13207
2. Vijayvargia A, Nica E, Moessner R, Lu Y, Erten O. Magnetic fragmentation and fractionalized Goldstone modes in a bilayer quantum spin liquid. *Physical Review Research*. 2023; 5(2):- . Available from: <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevResearch.5.L022062> DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevResearch.5.L022062
3. Bischoff M, Jones C, Lu Y, Penneys D. Spontaneous symmetry breaking from anyon condensation. *Journal of High Energy Physics*. 2019 February 12; 2019(2):- . Available from: [https://link.springer.com/10.1007/JHEP02\(2019\)062](https://link.springer.com/10.1007/JHEP02(2019)062) DOI: 10.1007/JHEP02(2019)062
4. Rasmussen A, Lu Y. Classification and construction of higher-order symmetry-protected topological phases of interacting bosons. *Physical Review B*. 2020; 101(8):- . Available from: <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevB.101.085137> DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevB.101.085137
5. Lu Y, Ran Y. Symmetry-protected fractional Chern insulators and fractional topological insulators. *Physical Review B*. 2012; 85(16):- . Available from:



<https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevB.85.165134> DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevB.85.165134

*Other Significant Products, Whether or Not Related to the Proposed Project*

1. Manjunath N, Prem A, Lu Y. Rotational symmetry protected edge and corner states in Abelian topological phases. *Physical Review B*. 2023; 107(19):- . Available from: <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevB.107.195130> DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevB.107.195130
2. Lee C, Sun Y, Ye L, Rathi S, Wang K, Lu Y, Moore J, Checkelsky J, Orenstein J. Spin wavepackets in the Kagome ferromagnet  $\text{Fe}_3\text{Sn}_2$  : Propagation and precursors. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 2023 May 15; 120(21):- . Available from: <https://pnas.org/doi/10.1073/pnas.2220589120> DOI: 10.1073/pnas.2220589120
3. Karaki M, Yang X, Williams A, Nawwar M, Doan-Nguyen V, Goldberger J, Lu Y. An efficient material search for room-temperature topological magnons. *Science Advances*. 2023 February 17; 9(7):- . Available from: <https://www.science.org/doi/10.1126/sciadv.ade7731> DOI: 10.1126/sciadv.ade7731
4. Lu Y, Ran Y, Oshikawa M. Filling-enforced constraint on the quantized Hall conductivity on a periodic lattice. *Annals of Physics*. 2020 February; 413:168060-. Available from: <https://linkinghub.elsevier.com/retrieve/pii/S000349161930315X> DOI: 10.1016/j.aop.2019.168060
5. Wang Q, Liu C, Lu Y, Zhang F. High-Temperature Majorana Corner States. *Physical Review Letters*. 2018 October 30; 121(18):- . Available from: <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevLett.121.186801> DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevLett.121.186801

**Synergistic Activities**

1. Service as an organizer of international workshops, the latest example being "TopoMag23 - Topology and Fractionalization in Magnetic Materials" workshop at OSU in May 15-20, 2023.
2. Service as a tutorial lecturer in international workshops and schools, the latest example being 3 invited tutorials at "Novel Quantum States in Condensed Matter 2022" workshop at YITP, Kyoto University in Oct. 2022.
3. Service as a member of guest editorial board, the latest example being "Focus Issue on Topological Physics: From Condensed Matter to Cold Atoms and Optics", *New Journal of Physics*, 2015-2016.
4. Broader impacts: faculty lecturer in the Scientific Thinkers program at OSU, aimed at high-poverty, underrepresented minority population of elementary school students in the Columbus area, since 2019.
5. Education: developments of new special topic courses for graduate students at OSU, the latest example being "Topological phenomena in condensed matters" in Autumn semester, 2020.

**Certification:**

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POSITION TITLE: Professor

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**Professional Preparation:**

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	RECEIPT DATE	FIELD OF STUDY
University of California, Santa Barbara, California, United States	Postdoctoral Fellow	10/2006 - 08/2008	California NanoSystems Institute
University of California, Santa Barbara, California, United States	PHD	10/2006	Materials
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States	BS	05/2001	Materials Science and Engineering
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States	BA	05/2001	Philosophy of Science

**Appointments and Positions**

- 2017 - present Professor, Ohio State University, Materials Science and Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Physics, Columbus, Ohio, United States
- 2013 - 2017 Associate Professor, Ohio State University, Materials Science and Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Physics, Columbus, Ohio, United States
- 2008 - 2013 Assistant Professor, Ohio State University, Materials Science and Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Physics, Columbus, Ohio, United States

**Products****Products Most Closely Related to the Proposed Project**

- Fonseca Montenegro A, Baan M, Ghazisaeidi M, Grassman T, Myers R. Log-Normal Glide and the Formation of Misfit Dislocation Networks in Heteroepitaxial ZnS on GaP. *Crystal Growth & Design*. 2024 July 03; 24(14):6007-6016. Available from: <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/10.1021/acs.cgd.4c00559> DOI: 10.1021/acs.cgd.4c00559
- Verma D, Adnan M, Dhara S, Sturm C, Rajan S, Myers R. Anisotropic excitonic photocurrent in  $\beta$ -Ga<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>. *Physical Review Materials*. 2023; 7(6):- . Available from: <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.7.L061601> DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevMaterials.7.L061601
- Giles B, Yang Z, Jamison J, Gomez-Perez J, Vélez S, Hueso L, Casanova F, Myers R. Thermally driven long-range magnon spin currents in yttrium iron garnet due to intrinsic spin Seebeck effect. *Physical Review B*. 2017 November 22; 96(18):- . Available from: <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevB.96.180412> DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevB.96.180412
- Giles B, Yang Z, Jamison J, Myers R. Long-range pure magnon spin diffusion observed in a

nonlocal spin-Seebeck geometry. *Physical Review B*. 2015 December 11; 92(22):- . Available from: <https://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevB.92.224415> DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevB.92.224415

5. Jin H, Restrepo O, Antolin N, Boona S, Windl W, Myers R, Heremans J. Phonon-induced diamagnetic force and its effect on the lattice thermal conductivity. *Nature Materials*. 2015 March 23; 14(6):601-606. Available from: <https://www.nature.com/articles/nmat4247> DOI: 10.1038/nmat4247

*Other Significant Products, Whether or Not Related to the Proposed Project*

1. Golam Sarwar A, Carnevale S, Kent T, Yang F, McComb D, Myers R. Tuning the polarization-induced free hole density in nanowires graded from GaN to AlN. *Applied Physics Letters*. 2015 January 19; 106(3):- . Available from: <https://pubs.aip.org/apl/article/106/3/032102/240038/Tuning-the-polarization-induced-free-hole-density> DOI: 10.1063/1.4906449
2. Boona S, Myers R, Heremans J. Spin caloritronics. *Energy & Environmental Science*. 2014; 7(3):885-. Available from: <https://xlink.rsc.org/?DOI=c3ee43299h> DOI: 10.1039/c3ee43299h
3. Carnevale SD, Kent TF, Phillips PJ, Sarwar AT, Selcu C, Klie RF, Myers RC. Mixed polarity in polarization-induced p-n junction nanowire light-emitting diodes. *Nano Lett*. 2013 Jul 10;13(7):3029-35. PubMed PMID: [23756087](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/23756087/).
4. Jaworski C, Myers R, Johnston-Halperin E, Heremans J. Giant spin Seebeck effect in a non-magnetic material. *Nature*. 2012; 487(7406):210-213. Available from: <https://www.nature.com/articles/nature11221> DOI: 10.1038/nature11221
5. Carnevale S, Marginean C, Phillips P, Kent T, Sarwar A, Mills M, Myers R. Coaxial nanowire resonant tunneling diodes from non-polar AlN/GaN on silicon. *Applied Physics Letters*. 2012 April 02; 100(14):- . Available from: <https://pubs.aip.org/apl/article/100/14/142115/151434/Coaxial-nanowire-resonant-tunneling-diodes-from> DOI: 10.1063/1.3701586

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**Employment/Education:**

- 2020–Present **The Ohio State University**, Ohio, USA. Associate professor  
 2016–2020 **The Ohio State University**, Ohio, USA. Assistant professor  
 2014-16 **University of California, Los Angeles**, California, USA. Assistant adjunct professor (postdoc)  
 Postdoctoral supervisors: [Sorin Popa](#) and [Dmitri Shlyakhtenko](#)  
 2012-14 **University of Toronto**, Ontario, Canada. Mathematics postdoctoral fellow  
 Postdoctoral supervisors: [Dror Bar-Natan](#) and [George Elliott](#)  
 2005-12 **University of California, Berkeley**, California, USA. Mathematics Ph.D.  
 Advisor: [Vaughan F.R. Jones](#)  
 Dissertation: “Planar structure for inclusions of finite von Neumann algebras”  
 2001-5 **The George Washington University**, Washington, D.C., USA,  
 Mathematics, B.A., Ruggles Prize 2003 and 2005  
 Physics, B.S., Howard Hughes Fellow in Bioinformatics 2004  
 Chemistry, B.S., George Gamow Fellow 2003  
 Columbian School Distinguished Scholar, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

**Selected Scientific/Academic Honors and Grants:**

- Co-PI on NSF NRT grant 2244045 “NRT-QISE: QuGIP: a new interdisciplinary degree program for convergent research and graduate training in quantum information science and engineering 2023-28 (with PI Gupta and Co-PIs Myers, Reano, and Shafaat)
- NSF DMS grant 2154389 “Quantum Symmetries: Subfactors, Topological Phases, and Higher Categories” 2022-25
- Senior Participant on OSU’s NSF QuSTEAM C-ACCEL grant 2040581. I am course lead for Course 3: Mathematical Methods for Quantum Information Science
- OSU 2020 ASC Early-Career Faculty Excellence Award
- NSF CAREER grant DMS 1654159 2017-2022 “Representing and classifying enriched quantum symmetry”, with 2019 supplement DMS 1927098 and 2021 supplement DMS 2051170.
- NSF DMS grant 1500387 2015-16 “Classifying subfactors and fusion categories”, transferred to OSU as NSF DMS grant 1655912 2016-18

**Selected Peer reviewed journal articles:**

1. *Enriched string-net models and their excitations* (with David Green, Peter Huston, Kyle Kawagoe, Anup Poudel, and Sean Sanford). To appear **Quantum** [arXiv:2305.14068](#)
2. *A categorical Connes’  $\chi(M)$*  (with Quan Chen and Corey Jones). To appear **Math. Ann.** [arXiv:2111.06378](#)
3. *Composing topological domain walls and anyon mobility.* (with Peter Huston, Fiona Burnell, and Corey Jones). **SciPost Phys.** 15, 076 (2023). [arXiv:2208.14018](#)
4. *The Extended Haagerup fusion categories* (with Pinhas Grossman, Scott Morrison, Emily Peters, and Noah Snyder). **Ann. Sci. Éc. Norm. Supér.** (4) 56 (2023), no. 2, 589–664 [arXiv:1810.06076](#)
5. *The classification of subfactors with index at most  $5\frac{1}{4}$*  (with Narjess Afzaly and Scott Morrison). **Mem. Amer. Math. Soc.** 284 (2023), no. 1405. [arXiv:1509.00038](#)
6. *A 3-categorical perspective on  $G$ -crossed braided categories* (with Corey Jones and David Reutter). **J. Lond. Math. Soc.** (2) 107 (2023), no. 1, 333–406. [arXiv:2009.00405](#)
7. *Planar algebras in braided tensor categories* (with André Henriques and James Tener). **Mem. Amer. Math. Soc.** 282 (2023), no. 1392. [arXiv:1607.06041](#)

8. *Unitary dual functors for unitary multitensor categories*. **Higher Structures** 4(2):22-56, 2020. [arXiv:1808.00323](#)
9. *Realizations of algebra objects and discrete subfactors* (with Corey Jones). **Adv. Math.** 350 (2019), p 588-661 [arXiv:1704.02035](#)
10. Spontaneous symmetry breaking from anyon condensation (with Marcel Bischoff, Corey Jones, and Yuan-Ming Lu). **J. High Energy Phys.** (2019) 2019: 62. [arXiv:1811.00434](#)
11. *Operator algebras in rigid  $C^*$ -tensor categories* (with Corey Jones). **Comm. Math. Phys.** 355 (2017), no. 3, 1121–1188, [arXiv:1611.04620](#)
12. *Bicommutant categories from fusion categories* (with André Henriques). **Selecta Math. (N.S.)** 23 (2017), no. 3, 1669–1708, [arXiv:1511.05226](#).
13. *Categorified trace for module tensor categories over braided tensor categories* (with André Henriques and James Tener). **Documenta Math.** 21 (2016) 1089–1149 [arXiv:1509.02937](#)
14. *Chirality and principal graph obstructions*. **Adv. Math.** 273 (2015), no. 19, 32–55. [arXiv:1307.5890](#)
15. *Principal graph stability and the jellyfish algorithm* (with Stephen Bigelow). **Math. Ann.** 358 (2014), no. 1-2, 1-24. [arXiv:1208.1564](#)
16. *A planar calculus for infinite index subfactors*. **Comm. Math. Phys.** 319 (2013), no. 3, 595-648, [arXiv:1110.3504](#)
17. *The embedding theorem for finite depth subfactor planar algebras* (with Vaughan F. R. Jones). **Quantum Topol.** 2 (2011), no. 3, 301–337. [arXiv:1007.3173](#)

#### Selected academic service:

- Organized many national and international conferences, including conferences at AIM (2021, 2022), BIRS (2014, 2018, 2023), Fields (2023), IPAM (2021), and OSU (ECOAS 2019, OSU Quantum Symmetries 2019, GPOTS 2023)
- Served on several NSF panels.
- Served on OSU's Quantum Task Force in Spring 2020 and Autumn 2021, leading to the formation of OSU's Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering (CQISE)
- Member of Advisory Board for OSU's CQISE 2022-25
- Co-PI for interdepartmental graduate program QuGIP at OSU

#### Mentoring of faculty, postdocs, PhD students, and undergraduate researchers:

- Postdocs: Kyle Kawagoe, Chian Yeong Chuah, Anup Poudel, Sean Sanford, Corey Jones
- PhD students: Anupama Bhardwaj, Chumeng Di, Brett Hungar, Giovanni Ferrer, Daniel Wallick, David Green, Quan Chen, Zachary Dell, Peter Huston, Roberto Hernandez Palomares
- Supervised 13 undergraduate researchers in at least 10 projects over 6 years
- I am an NRMN-CAM Trained Facilitator for mentor training, and I am part of OSU's NRMN-CAM mentor training team <https://u.osu.edu/osupac/mentoring-training/>.
- Senior Mentor for the Operator Algebra Mentor Network.

#### Selected Teaching at OSU:

- Developed multiple graduate topics classes, including Higher Linear Algebra (8110), Topological Phases of Matter (8800), and Quantum Algebra (8160)
- Developed undergraduate course Mathematical Methods for Quantum Information Science (Group Studies 2194) for QuSTEAM

## Biographical Sketch

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### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Waveguide integrated optics, nonlinear optics in waveguides, and integrated optical devices to drive innovation in sensors, communications systems, and computing in the classical and quantum domains.

Integrated optics involves the manipulation of light at the micrometer and nanometer scale. It is analogous to integrated electronics. Instead of electrons, however, photons are guided and controlled on the surface of an optical chip. The use of light provides a route to miniaturized high-speed devices enabling revolutionary innovation.

### **DEGREES**

- Ph.D., Electrical Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2004
- M.S., Electrical Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2000
- B.S., Electrical Engineering, University of New Mexico, 1996
- B.S., Physics, University of California, Los Angeles 1991

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2022-Present: Co-Director, Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- 2017-Present: Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- 2011-2017: Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- 2005-2011: Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
- 2004-2005: Post-Doctoral Research Fellow with Professor Stella W. Pang in the area of nanotechnology, Solid State Electronics Laboratory, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 1999-2004: Graduate Student Research Assistant with Professor Linda P. B. Katehi and John F. Whitaker, Radiation Laboratory and Center for Ultrafast Optical Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 1998-1999: Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 1996-1998: Research Assistant, Microelectronics Research Center, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.
- 1992-1996: Aircraft Systems Reliability Analyst (US Air Force Active Duty), Systems Analysis Division, Headquarters Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

### **RECENT JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

1. Karan Prabhakar and Ronald M. Reano, "Fabrication of Low Loss Lithium Niobate Rib Waveguides Through Photoresist Reflow," IEEE Photonics Journal 14, 1-8 (2022).

## Biographical Sketch

2. Karan Prabhakar, Ryan J. Patton, and Ronald M. Reano, "Stress reduction and wafer bow accommodation for the fabrication of thin film lithium niobate on oxidized silicon," *Journal of Vacuum Science and Technology B* **39**, 062208 (2021).
3. Ryan J. Patton and Ronald M. Reano, "Higher Order Mode Conversion from Berry's Phase in Silicon Optical Waveguides," *IEEE Photonics Journal* doi: 10.1109/JPHOT.2021.3104180.
4. R. J. Patton and R. M. Reano, "Framework for tunable polarization state generation using Berry's phase in silicon waveguides," *Optics Express* **28**, 20845-20857 (2020).
5. J. T. Nagy and R. M. Reano, "Submicrometer periodic poling of lithium niobate thin films with bipolar preconditioning pulses," *Optical Materials Express* **10**, 1911-1920 (2020).
6. J. Nagy and R. M. Reano, "Reducing leakage current during periodic poling of ion-sliced x-cut MgO doped lithium niobate thin films," *Optical Materials Express* **9**, 3146-3155 (2019).

### TEACHING ACTIVITIES (SEMESTER-LENGTH COURSES)

- ECE 6511: Nonlinear Optics (Senior Undergraduate and Graduate Students)
- ECE 5012: Integrated Optics (Undergraduate and Graduate Students)
- ECE 3050: Signals and Systems (Undergraduate Students)
- ECE 3010: Intro to Radio Frequency and Optical Engineering (Undergraduate Students)



### HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2015 David C. McCarthy Engineering Teaching Award, College of Engineering, The Ohio State University. Citation: For outstanding teaching and creation of innovative optics and photonics undergraduate and graduate program.
- 2010: National Science Foundation (NSF) CAREER Award
- 2009: Army Research Office (ARO) Young Investigator Award
- 2009: Lumley Research Award, College of Engineering, The Ohio State University
- 2008: Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) Young Faculty Award
- 2006: Elevated to Senior Member IEEE.

### SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- 2015 - April 2022: Associate Editor for *Optics Express*
- 2015: Program Co-Chair, Frontier in Optics Conference (OSA Annual Meeting)
- 2013 - 2014: Chair, Subcommittee on Integrated Photonics, Frontiers in Optics Conference (OSA Annual Meeting)
- 2013 - Present: Faculty advisor, Student Chapter of the Optical Society (OSA) at Ohio State University (chapter established in 2013 under the direction of Reano)
- 2012 - 2014: Member, Subcommittee on Optical Interconnects, IEEE Photonics Society Annual Meeting
- 2011 - 2012: Member, Subcommittee on Integrated Photonics, Frontiers in Optics Conference (OSA Annual Meeting)
- 2011 - 2014: Member, Conference Program Committee, International Conference on Electron, Ion, and Photon Beam Technology and Nanofabrication (EIPBN).



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### Research Vision

To develop synthesis and atomic-scale manipulation techniques of thin films and heterostructures, leading to fundamental understanding and control of structure–composition–property relationships. To reveal hidden quantum states at the atomic scale and exploit structure-property relationships for the atom-by-atom design of multifunctional materials.

### Appointment

Assistant Professor, Materials Science Department, Ohio State University, Columbus, USA, August 2023-Present

Kavli Postdoctoral Fellow, Applied Engineering Physics, Cornell University, Ithaca, USA (with David Muller) September 2021-August 2023

### Education

Ph.D. in materials, University of California, Santa Barbara, USA, 2016-2021 (with Susanne Stemmer)  
Thesis titled *Atomic Scale Understanding of Ferroelectricity and Superconductivity in SrTiO<sub>3</sub>*

M.Sc in materials, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, 2013-2016 (with Carlo Montemagno)  
Thesis titled *Organic electrochemical transistor understanding and modifying for sensing applications*

M.Sc in materials, Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran, 2009-2011 (with Abolghasem Dolati)  
Thesis titled *Investigation of sensory behavior of aligned carbon nanotubes modified by platinum nanoparticles for hydrogen sulfide detection*

B.Sc in materials, Sahand University of Technology, Tabriz, Iran, 2005-2009 (with Alireza Akbari)  
Thesis titled *Ni-SiC nanocomposite coating and its mechanical properties*

### Awards and Honors

- Kavli Postdoctoral Fellowship, Cornell University (2021)
- Young Investigators Lecture Series (YILS) Caltech (2021)
- DCMP student travel award, APS March meeting, Denver (2020)
- Graduate Students Association of University of Alberta Professional Development Grant (2015)

### Membership in Professional Societies

- Materials Research Society (MRS), 2015-present
- American Physical Society (APS), 2018-present
- Microanalysis Society (MAS), 2019-present
- Microscopy Society of America (MSA), 2019-present

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**Relevant Publications**

- 17) **S.Salmani-Rezaie**, B.Faeth, C.Mowers, Y.Tarn, P.Malinowski, K.Shen and D.A.Muller, *Understanding the interplay between superconductivity and atomic-scale interface structure of multilayer FeSe /SrTiO<sub>3</sub> (under review)*
- 16) T. Schwaigert\*, **S.Salmani-Rezaie**\*, S.Hazra\*, B.Pamuk, D.Muller, D.Schlom, V. Gopalan, and K. Ahadi, *Strain Engineering of KTaO<sub>3</sub> :Route to Stabilize Cooperative Polar Orders (under review)*
- 15) A.Llanos, **S.Salmani-Rezaie**, J.Kim, N. Kioussis, D. A. Muller, and J. Falson, *Supercell formation in epitaxial rare-earth ditelluride thin films*, Cryst. Growth, 1, 115-121 (2024) [DOI] [arXiv](#)
- 14) A. H. Al-Tawhid, S. J. Poage, **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, A. Gonzalez, S. Chikara, D. A. Muller, D. P. Kumah, M.N. Gastiasoro, J. Lorenzana, and K. Ahadi, *Enhanced critical field of superconductivity at an oxide interface*, Nano Lett. 23,15,6944-6950 (2023) [DOI]
- 13) E.G. Arnault, A.H. Al-Tawhid, **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, D.A. Muller, D.P. Kumah, M.S. Bahramy, G. Finkelstein, and K. Ahadi, *Anisotropic Superconductivity at KTaO<sub>3</sub>(111) interfaces*, Science Advances, 9, eadf141 (2023)[DOI]
- 12) T. Schwagiert, **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, M. R. Barone, H. Paik, E.Ray, M.D.Williams, D. A. Muller, D.G. Schlom, and K. Ahadi, *Molecular Beam Epitaxy of KTaO<sub>3</sub>*, JVST, A, 41 (2), 022703 (2023)[DOI]
- 11) **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, H. Jeong, R. Russell, J.Harter, and S. Stemmer, *Role of locally polar regions in the superconductivity of SrTiO<sub>3</sub>*, Phys. Rev. Materials 5,104801 (2021) [DOI]
- 10) **S. Salmani-Rezaie**\*, L. Galletti\*, R. Russell, T. Schumann, H. Jeong, Y. Li, J. Harter and S. Stemmer, *Superconductivity in Magnetically Doped SrTiO<sub>3</sub>* Appl. Phys. Lett. 118, 202602 (2021) [DOI]
- 9) **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, K. Ahadi, and S. Stemmer, *Polar nanodomains in a ferroelectric superconductor*, Nano Lett. 20,9,6542-6547 (2020) [DOI]
- 8) **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, K. Ahadi, W. Strickland, and S. Stemmer, *Order-disorder ferroelectric phase transition of strained SrTiO<sub>3</sub> films*, Phys. Rev. Lett. ,125,8, 087601, (2020) [DOI] [ArXiv](#)
- 7) M. Goyal\*, **S. Salmani-Rezaie**\*, T.N. Pardue, B. Guo, D.A. Kealhofer, and S. Stemmer, *Carrier mobilities of (001) cadmium arsenide films*, APL Mater. 8,051106 (2020), \* equal contribution[DOI]
- 6) T. Schumann, L. Galletti, H. Jeong, K. Ahadi, W.M. Strickland, **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, and S. Stemmer, *Possible signature of mixed-parity superconductivity in doped SrTiO<sub>3</sub> film*, Phys. Rev. B. 101, 100503 (R) (2020), \* equal contribution[DOI] [ArXiv](#)
- 5) **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, H. Kim, K. Ahadi, and S. Stemmer, *Lattice relaxations around individual dopant atoms in SrTiO<sub>3</sub>*, Phys. Rev. Mater 3, 114404 (2019) [DOI]
- 4) H. Kim, M. Goyal, **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, T. Schumann, T.N. Pardue, J-M. Zuo, and S. Stemmer, *Point group symmetry of cadmium arsenide thin films determined by convergent beam electron diffraction*, Phys. Rev. Mater 3, 084202 (2019) [DOI] [ArXiv](#)
- 3) K. Ahadi, L. Galletti, Y. Li, **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, W. Wu, and S. Stemmer, *Enhancing superconductivity with strain in SrTiO<sub>3</sub>*, Science Adv., 5 120 (2019) [DOI]
- 2) H. Kim, M. Goyal, **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, T. Schumann, T.N. Pardue, J-M. Zuo, and S. Stemmer, *Point group symmetry of cadmium arsenide thin films determined by convergent beam electron diffraction*, Phys. Rev. Mater 3, 084202 (2019) [DOI] [ArXiv](#)
- 1) K. Ahadi, X. Lu, **S. Salmani-Rezaie**, P.B. Marshall, J.M. Rondinelli, and S. Stemmer, *Anisotropic magnetoresistance in itinerant, antiferromagnetic EuTiO<sub>3</sub>*, Phys. Rev. B. 99, 041106(R) (2019) [DOI]

**Invited Talks**

- Yound Research Leaders Group Workshop, Correlation and Topology in magnetic materials, Ingelheim, Germany (Jul. 2024)
- PennState, Department of Materials Science and Engineering Seminar ( Dec. 2023)
- Women in Microscopy conference, NUANCE (Mar. 2023)
- Arizona State University, Materials Department Seminar (Mar. 2022)
- University of Southern California, Materials Department Seminar (Mar. 2022)
- Yale University, Materials Department Seminar (Feb. 2022)
- California Institute of Technology, Materials Department Seminar (Feb. 2022)
- Ohio State University, Materials Department Seminar (Nov. 2021)
- University of Tennessee Knoxville Physics Department's condensed matter seminar (Aug. 2021)
- North Carolina State University, Early carrier lecture series, Materials Department (Feb.2021)
- Caltech's Young Investigators Lecture Series (YILS) in Engineering and Applied Science (Jan.2021)
- Cornell University, Applied and Engineering Physics, Kavli candidate seminar (Jan. 2021)
- University of California Irvine, Materials Department Seminar (June 2020)

**Selected Conference Presentations**

- Revealing the Short and Long-range Structural Distortions at Nb-doped  $\text{KTaO}_3$ , Microscopy and Microanalysis, Minneapolis, (2023)
- Strain Engineering of  $\text{KTaO}_3$  : route to Stabilize Polar Orders, MRS spring meeting, San Fransisco, (2023)
- Understanding the Interplay between Superconductivity and Atomic-Scale Interface Structure of Multilayer  $\text{FeSe/SrTiO}_3$ , APS March Meeting, Las Vegas (2023)
- Interplay between Polar Distortions and Superconductivity in  $\text{SrTiO}_3$ , Microscopy and Microanalysis, virtual (2021)
- Competition between doping and the polar instability in a ferroelectric superconductor, MRS fall meeting virtual (2020)
- Probing the polar instability of strained  $\text{SrTiO}_3$  with HAADF-STEM, Microscopy and Microanalysis, Milwaukee (2020)
- Polar domains in strained  $\text{SrTiO}_3$  films, APS March meeting, Denver (2020)

**Teaching Experience**

## At OSU

- MATSCEN 5532:Electronic, Optical, and Magnetic Properties Laboratory (Fall 2023)
- MATSCEN 5572 *Materials for Energy Technology* (Fall 2023)

## Before OSU

- Teacher assistant, MATRL 226, Symmetry and tensor properties of materials (Spring 2021)
- Teacher assistant, MATRL 286D, Advanced TEM, UCSB (Spring 2020)
- Teacher assistant, MATRL 200C, Structural evolution, UCSB (Spring 2019)
- Teacher assistant, MATE 202, Materials Science II, University of Alberta (Winter 2015)

**Journal Reviews**

Physical Review Letters, Physical Review B, Nano Letters, and Ultramicroscopy

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EMPLOYMENT	<b>Assistant Professor</b> Department of Physics, The Ohio State University	Starting 2025
	<b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b> Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, University of Chicago	2019 - 2024
	<b>Intelligence Community Postdoctoral Research Fellow</b> Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, University of Chicago	2020 - 2022
EDUCATION	<b>Ph.D. in Physics, University of California, Santa Barbara</b> Thesis: <i>Floquet Engineering with Ultracold Lithium in Optical Lattices</i> Thesis Advisor: Dr. David Weld	March 2019
	<b>M.A. in Physics, University of California, Santa Barbara</b>	June 2016
	<b>S.B. in Physics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> Thesis: <i>Search for the standard model Higgs boson in the Z gamma channel</i> Thesis Advisor: Dr. Christoph Paus	June 2013
AWARDS AND HONORS	<b>Quantum Creators Prize</b> (Chicago Quantum Exchange)	2023
	<b>The Maria Lastra Excellence in Mentoring Award</b> (Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering, University of Chicago)	2021
	<b>Best Poster Award: MPQ 2021</b> (Machine Learning for Quantum 2021)	2021
	<b>Intelligence Community Postdoctoral Fellowship</b> (Office of the Director of National Intelligence)	2020
	<b>Philip and Aida Siff Educational Foundation Scholarship</b> (The Philip and Aida Siff Educational Foundation)	2015
	<b>MIT Joel Matthew Orloff Award in Service</b> (MIT Department of Physics)	2013
	<b>MIT QuestBridge Scholar</b> (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)	2009 - 2013
PUBLICATIONS	12. S. Anand, C. E. Bradley, R. White, V. Ramesh, <b>K. Singh</b> , and H. Bernien. <i>A dual-species Rydberg array</i> . arXiv:2401.10325 (2024) (To appear in Nature Physics)	
	11. <b>K. Singh</b> , C. E. Bradley, S. Anand, V. Ramesh, R. White, and H. Bernien. <i>Mid-circuit correction of correlated phase errors using an array of spectator qubits</i> . Science <b>380</b> , 1265-1269 (2023)	
	10. <b>K. Singh</b> , S. Anand, A. Pocklington, J. T. Kemp, and H. Bernien. <i>A dual-element, two-dimensional atom array with continuous mode operation</i> . Phys. Rev. X. <b>12</b> , 011040 (2022) ( <b>Featured in APS Physics Magazine</b> )	
	9. S. Menon, <b>K. Singh</b> , J. Borregaard, and H. Bernien. <i>Nanophotonic quantum network node with neutral atoms and an integrated telecom interface</i> . New Journal of Physics <b>22</b> , 073033 (2020)	
	8. <b>K. Singh</b> , C. J. Fujiwara, Z. A. Geiger, E. Q. Simmons, M. Lipatov, A. Cao, P. Dotti, S. V. Rajagopal, R. Senaratne, T. Shimasaki, M. Heyl, A. Eckardt, and D. M. Weld. <i>Quantifying and Controlling Prethermal Nonergodicity in Interacting Floquet Matter</i> . Phys. Rev. X. <b>9</b> , 041021 (2019)	
	7. K. M. Fujiwara, <b>K. Singh</b> , Z.A. Geiger, R. Senaratne, S. V. Rajagopal, M. Lipatov, and D.M. Weld. <i>Transport in Floquet-Bloch bands</i> . Phys. Rev. Lett. <b>122</b> , 010402 (2019)	
	6. Z. Geiger, K. M. Fujiwara, <b>K. Singh</b> , R. Senaratne, S. V. Rajagopal, M. Lipatov, T. Shimasaki, R. Driben, V. V. Konotop, T. Meier, and D. M. Weld. <i>Observation and Uses of Position-space Bloch Oscillations in an Ultracold Gas</i> . Phys. Rev. Lett. <b>120</b> , 213201 (2018) ( <b>Featured in APS Physics Magazine and selected for an Editor's Viewpoint</b> )	

5. R. Senaratne, S. V. Rajagopal, T. Shimasaki, P. E. Dotti, K. M. Fujiwara, **K. Singh**, Z.A. Geiger, and D.M. Weld. *Quantum Simulation of Ultrafast Dynamics Using Trapped Ultracold Atoms*. Nature Communications **9**, 2065 (2018)
4. K.M. Fujiwara, Z.A. Geiger, **K. Singh**, R. Senaratne, S.V. Rajagopal, M. Lipatov, T. Shimasaki, and D.M. Weld. *Experimental Realization of a Relativistic Harmonic Oscillator*. New J. Phys. **20**, 063027 (2018)
3. S.V. Rajagopal, K.M. Fujiwara, R. Senaratne, **K. Singh**, Z.A. Geiger, and D.M. Weld. *Quantum Emulation of Extreme Non-equilibrium Phenomena with Trapped Atoms*. Annalen Der Physik. **529**, 1700008 (2017)
2. **K. Singh**, K. Saha, S.A. Parameswaran, and D. M. Weld. *Fibonacci Optical Lattices for Tunable Quantum Quasicrystals*. Phys. Rev. A **92**, 063426 (2015)
1. Bornheim, A. et al. *Search for a Light Higgs boson in the Z boson plus a Photon Decay Channel*. CMS Physics Analysis Summary, CMS PAS HIG-12-049 (2012)

PRESENTATIONS Since 2018: more than 25 talks at symposiums and international conferences (14 invited)

TEACHING Nominated in 2014 and in 2017 for Graduate Student Association  
EXPERIENCE Excellence in Teaching Award (UCSB)

Teaching Assistant

Lead TA for UCSB Physics 20 (classical mechanics for physics majors) Fall 2016  
*Coordinated homework, reviews, and activities of all TAs and graders.*

UCSB Physics 210A (graduate electromagnetic theory) Winter 2015

Laboratory Instructor and Teaching Assistant:

UCSB Physics 127AL (analog electronics) Summer 2014

UCSB Physics 6C (optics) Spring 2014

UCSB Physics 6A (classical mechanics for life-science majors) Winter 2014

UCSB Physics 3 (waves and vibrations) Fall 2013

LEADERSHIP *Member of PME Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee* 2022- 2024  
AND OUTREACH

Engage with EDI issues at all levels. Personal efforts include new postdoc onboarding, outreach events for first-generation college students, design and staffing of two demos for annual UChicago South Side Science Festival

*Condensed Matters Seminar Series* 2019 - 2020

Created and organized a monthly seminar series to bring together and encourage collaboration among the various physical science departments at UChicago

*Educational Outreach with UCSB Women in Physics* 2014 - 2016

Visited local high schools with the UCSB Women in Physics program to teach students about superfluidity, Bose-Einstein condensation, and pursuing careers in physics

*President of MIT Society of Physics Students* 2012 - 2013

*MIT-China Development Initiative – Service Leadership Program* 2012

Mentored Chinese middle school and high school students on subjects of leadership, service, and educational opportunities in the US – Shenzhen, CN

*Boston Let's Get Ready Program* 2011

Taught free SAT prep class for high school students in the Boston area, targeting students from low-income areas

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

*Referee*

Physical Review, Physical Review Letters, Physical Review X

*Conference Session Chair*

APS March Meeting, APS Division of Atomic, Molecular, and Optical Physics

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY	<b>Ohio State University</b> , Columbus, OH USA <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Physics</i>	January 2020 – present
	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> , Cambridge, MA USA <i>Postdoctoral Associate</i> Supervisors: Liang Fu, Leonid Levitov	August 2015 – July 2019
	<b>Argonne National Laboratory Materials Science Division</b> , Argonne, IL USA <i>Eugene Wigner Postdoctoral Fellow</i> Supervisor: K. A. Matveev	August 2013 – August 2015
	<b>University of Minnesota Physics Department</b> , Minneapolis, MN USA <i>Research Associate</i> Advisors: B. I. Shklovskii and Alexander L. Efros	September 2011 – August 2013
EDUCATION	<b>University of Minnesota</b> , Minneapolis, MN USA Ph.D., <i>Physics</i> , August 2011 Dissertation: <i>Microscopic Theory of Supercapacitors</i> Advisor: <i>Boris I. Shklovskii</i>	
	<b>Virginia Polytechnic Institute &amp; State University (Virginia Tech)</b> , Blacksburg, VA USA B.S., <i>Physics</i> and B.S., <i>Mechanical Engineering</i> , May 2007 <i>Summa cum Laude</i> , Honors Baccalaureate diploma Minors in Mathematics and Spanish	
SUMMARY OF RESEARCH INTERESTS	I am a theorist focusing mostly on dynamical and transport phenomena in quantum many-body systems.	
SELECTED AWARDS	<a href="#">Frontiers of Science Award</a> , 2023 <a href="#">Provost's Early Career Scholar</a> , 2022 <a href="#">NSF CAREER Award</a> , 2021 <a href="#">Eugene Wigner Postdoctoral Fellowship</a> , 2013 <a href="#">National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship</a> , 2007 <a href="#">Rhodes Scholarship</a> finalist, 2007	
PUBLICATIONS	See <a href="#">Google Scholar</a> or the <a href="#">arXiv</a>	
TEACHING	Physics 8806.01 - 8806.02: Topics in Condensed Matter Physics 1 & 2 (Fall 2023, Spring 2024) Two-semester sequence of advanced graduate-level courses in condensed matter physics.	

Physics 1251: E & M, Optics, Modern Physics (Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023)  
Large, introductory-level course for engineering students.

Other teaching activities:

- Lecturer at the *Condensed Matter Summer School: Dynamics and Quantum Information in Many-body Systems*, University of Minnesota, June 2023.
- Graduate of the MIT *Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program* (Summer 2018)
- Instructor/course creator for the annual “MIT Splash” event for high school students (November 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)

ADVISING

PhD advisor to five students at Ohio State University:

- Xiaozhou Feng, graduated spring 2023: now a postdoc in Physics at UT Austin
- Sandeep Joy, anticipated graduation summer 2024
- Calvin Pozderac, anticipated graduation summer 2024
- Poulomi Chakraborty, anticipated graduation summer 2026
- Joshua Scales, anticipated graduation summer 2027

Primary advisor to one postdoctoral researcher:

- Aaron Hui (2021 - 2024): now an Assistant Professor of Physics at Brown University

Co-advisor to three other postdoctoral researchers:

- Xu Yang (2021 - present)
- Kyle Kawagoe (2022 - present)
- Penghao Zhu (2023 - present)

SELECTED  
OUTREACH

Mentor for students in the [APS Bridge Program](#).

Member of the coaching staff for the [US team of the International Physics Olympiad](#) (2018 - 2022). I continue to write problems for training and selection of the US Team.

Author of a popular physics blog, [Gravity and Levity](#), that explains upper-level concepts in physics and has been viewed > 1.5 million times (2009 - 2020).

Speaker at the 2016 USA Science and Engineering Festival in Washington DC.

SELECTED  
POPULAR PRESS  
COVERAGE

*Quanta Magazine*, “[Physicists Observe ‘Unobservable’ Quantum Phase Transition](#)”, September 2023.

*Phys.org*, “[Measurements induce a phase transition in entangled systems](#)”, August 2019.

*MIT News*, “[Turning up the heat on thermoelectrics](#)”, May 2018.

*Phys.org*, “[Electrons ‘puddle’ under high magnetic fields, study reveals](#)”, January 2017.

*Inside Science*, “[Electrons in Semiconductors Don’t Follow Random Routes](#)”, August 2016.

*Boston Globe*, “[In crowds, human ‘particles’ follow laws of movement](#)”, December 2014.

*Nature News* and *Scientific American*, “[Mathematical Time Law Governs Crowd Flow](#)”, November 2014.

*Wired Magazine*, “[NBA Players Scoff at Mathematical Model Suggesting When to Shoot](#)”, February 2012.

*Science Magazine*, “[The Mathematics of Basketball](#)”, August 2011.

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## Education:

- 2009 – 2014 **University of Georgia**, Center for Computational Quantum Chemistry  
Ph.D., Chemistry  
Advisor: Professor Henry F. Schaefer III  
Thesis: “Development of density cumulant functional theory”
- 2004 – 2009 **St. Petersburg State University**, Russia  
Specialist Degree (M.S.), Chemistry, Diploma with Distinction  
Advisor: Professor Olga V. Sizova  
Thesis: “Valence structure analysis of heavy transition metal complexes with electronic configurations  $d^6$ ,  $d^7$ ,  $d^8$ , and  $d^{10}$ ”

## Professional Experience:

- 2023 – present **Associate Professor**, The Ohio State University  
Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
- 2017 – 2023 **Assistant Professor**, The Ohio State University  
Department of Chemistry & Biochemistry
- 2016 – 2017 **Postdoctoral Scholar**, California Institute of Technology  
Advisor: Professor Garnet K.-L. Chan
- 2014 – 2016 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Princeton University  
Advisor: Professor Garnet K.-L. Chan

## Scholarships, Honors, and Awards:

- 2023 OpenEye Outstanding Junior Faculty Award in Computational Chemistry
- 2021 National Science Foundation CAREER Award
- 2016 American Chemical Society Physical Chemistry Division Postdoctoral Award
- 2015 IBM-Löwdin Award for Postdoctoral Associates, 55<sup>th</sup> Sanibel Symposium
- 2014 Martin Reynolds Smith Award, The University of Georgia
- 2013 Dissertation Completion Award, The University of Georgia
- 2013 Best Graduate Student Poster Award, 53<sup>rd</sup> Sanibel Symposium
- 2012 James L. Carmon Award, The University of Georgia
- 2009 Best Alumnus of St. Petersburg 2009 Award, St. Petersburg (Russia)
- 2008 – 2009 Special Scholarship of the Government of Russian Federation (Russia)
- 2004 – 2009 Full Scholarship, St. Petersburg State University (Russia)

## University Service:

- 2023 – 2024 Search committee for experimental physical chemistry junior faculty search
- 2022 – present CQISE advisory committee
- 2020 – present Physical division seminar coordinator
- 2019 – present Graduate student admissions committee
- 2018 – 2019 Graduate student recruitment committee



**Professional Service, Activities & Affiliations:**

- 2019 – present Member, PySCF Board of Directors
- 2018 – present Member, Institute for Optical Science at the Ohio State University
- 2017 – present Reviewer for the following organizations: National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund, Swiss National Science Foundation, German Research Foundation
- 2014 – present Reviewer for the following journals: Journal of Chemical Theory and Computation, Journal of Chemical Physics, Journal of American Chemical Society, Nature Chemistry, Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics, International Journal of Quantum Chemistry, Dalton Transactions, WIREs Computational Molecular Science, Theoretical Chemistry Accounts, New Journal of Chemistry, Acta Physica Polonica A
- 2012 – present Member, American Chemical Society

**Teaching Experience:**

- 2023 – present Quantum Chemistry and Spectroscopy (CHEM 6510), Instructor, OSU
- 2019 – present Physical Chemistry I (CHEM 4300), Instructor, OSU
- 2018 – 2021 Advanced Quantum Chemistry and Spectroscopy (CHEM 7520), Instructor, OSU
- 2011 – 2014 Advanced Quantum Chemistry (CHEM 8950), Teaching Assistant, UGA
- 2011 – 2012 Summer Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Instructor and Mentor, UGA
- 2010 – 2011 General Chemistry Laboratory I and II, Teaching Assistant, UGA
- 2008 General and Inorganic Chemistry, Teaching Assistant, St. Petersburg State University (Russia)

**Selected Invited Talks:**

- 06/2023 Quantum International Frontiers conference, Lodz (Poland)
- 06/2023 Symposium “Advances in Theoretical and Computational Chemistry”, Vancouver (Canada)
- 04/2023 Workshop on Excited-State Methods, Toulouse (France)
- 03/2023 COMP Award Symposium, ACS National Meeting, Indianapolis, IN (USA)
- 06/2022 10<sup>th</sup> Molecular Quantum Mechanics (MQM) Congress, Blacksburg, VA (USA)
- 06/2022 International Workshop on Reduced Density Matrix Theory for Quantum Many-Fermion Systems, San Sebastian (Spain)
- 02/2022 Sanibel Symposium, St. Simon’s Island, GA (USA)
- 12/2021 Symposium “Computational Quantum Chemistry: Synergism Between Theory and Experiment”, Pacificchem 2020, Honolulu, HI (USA)
- 07/2021 Workshop “New Developments in Coupled-Cluster Theory”, Telluride, CO (USA)
- 06/2021 “New Frontiers in Electron Correlation” Conference, Telluride, CO (USA)
- 06/2020 “Low-scaling and Unconventional Electronic Structure Techniques” (LUEST) Conference, Telluride, CO (USA)
- 08/2019 Symposium “Computational Quantum Chemistry: From Promise to Prominence”, 258<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, San Diego, CA (USA)
- 07/2019 32<sup>nd</sup> Midwest Undergraduate Computational Chemistry Consortium Conference, Columbus, OH (USA)
- 06/2019 Workshop “Fundamental Challenges of Electron-Density-Based Approaches to Time-Dependent Processes and Open Quantum Systems”, ETH Zürich (Switzerland)
- 03/2019 Symposium “Quantum Mechanics: Strong Correlation”, 257<sup>th</sup> ACS National Meeting, Orlando, FL (USA)

**Publications:**

Google Scholar <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=RIJQsC8AAAAJ&hl=en>

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

### Fernando Lisboa Teixeira

#### PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Cambridge, MA  
Postdoc, Electrical Engineering, 1999–2000  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Urbana-Champaign, IL  
Electrical Engineering, Ph.D., 1999  
PONTIFICAL CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
Electrical Engineering, B.S., 1991, M. S., 1995

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbus, OH  
Professor, Electrical Engineering, 2011–present  
Associate Professor, 2006–2011  
Assistant Professor, 2000–2006  
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, Cambridge, MA  
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Research Laboratory of Electronics, 1999–2000  
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Urbana-Champaign, IL  
Research Assistant, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, 1996–1999

#### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Nayak, M. Kumar, and F. L. Teixeira, “Koopman autoencoders for reduced-order modeling of kinetic plasmas,” in: *Advances in Electromagnetics Empowered by Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning*, S. D. Campbell and D. H. Werner (eds.) Wiley-IEEE Press, 2023, to appear.
- Nayak, M. Kumar, and F. L. Teixeira, “Detection and prediction of equilibrium states in kinetic plasma simulations via mode tracking using reduced-order dynamic mode decomposition,” *J. Comp. Phys.*, vol. 447, 110671, 2021.
- D. Y. Na, J. Zhu, W. C. Chew, and F. L. Teixeira, “Quantum information preserving computational electromagnetics,” *Phys. Rev. A*, vol. 102, 013711, 2020.
- D.-Y. Na, J. L. Nicolini, R. Lee, B.-H. V. Borges, Y. A. Omelchenko, F. L. Teixeira, “Diagnosing numerical herenkov instabilities in relativistic plasma simulations based on general meshes,” *J. Comp. Phys.*, vol. 402, 108880, 2020.
- A. F. Mota, A. Martins, V. Pepino, H. Ottevaere, W. Meulebroeck, F. L. Teixeira, and B.-H. V. Borges, “Semi-analytical modeling of arbitrarily distributed quantum emitters embedded in nano-patterned hyperbolic metamaterials,” *J. Opt. Soc. Am. B*, vol. 36, no. 5, pp. 1273-1287, 2019.
- D. Y. Na and F. L. Teixeira, “Analysis of multipactor effects by a particle-in-cell algorithm integrated with secondary electron emission model on irregular grids,” *IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci.*, vol. 47, no. 2, pp. 1269-1278, 2019.
- J. L. Nicolini, D.-Y. Na, and F. L. Teixeira, “Model order reduction of electromagnetic particle-in-cell kinetic plasma simulations via proper orthogonal decomposition,” *IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci.*, vol. 47, pp. 5239-5250, 2019.

- A.F. Mota, A. Martins, H. Ottevaere, W. Meulebroeck, E. R. Martins, J. Weiner, F. L. Teixeira, and B.-H. Borges, “Semi-analytical model for design and analysis of grating-assisted radiation emission of quantum emitters in hyperbolic metamaterials,” *ACS Photonics*, vol. 5, no. 5, pp. 1951-1959, 2018.
- D.-Y. Na, H. Moon, Y. A. Omelchenko, and F. L. Teixeira, “Relativistic extension of a charge-conservative finite element solver for time-dependent Maxwell-Vlasov equations,” *Phys. Plasmas*, vol. 25, 013109, 2018.
- D.-Y. Na, Y. A. Omelchenko, H. Moon, B.-H. V. Borges and F. L. Teixeira, ‘Axisymmetric charge-conservative electromagnetic particle simulation algorithm on unstructured grids: Application to microwave vacuum electronic devices,’ *J. Comp. Phys.*, vol. 346, pp. 295-317, 2017.
- D. Y. Na, H. Moon, Y. A. Omelchenko, and F. L. Teixeira, ‘Local, explicit, and charge-conserving electromagnetic particle-in-cell algorithm on unstructured grids,’ *IEEE Trans. Plasma Sci.*, vol. 44, no. 8, pp. 1353-1362, 2016.
- H. Moon, F. L. Teixeira, and Y. A. Omelchenko, ‘Exact charge-conserving scatter-gather algorithm for particle-in-cell simulations on unstructured grids: A geometric perspective,’ *Comp. Phys. Comm.*, vol. 194, pp. 43-53, 2015.

## **SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES**

### **Editorial and Reviewer Activities**

Associated Editor, *IET Microwaves, Antennas and Propagation*, 2014-present; Associate Editor, *IEEE Antennas and Wireless Propagation Letters*, 2008–2014; Guest Editor, *Remote Sensing*, 2018; Guest Editor, *IEEE Antennas and Wireless Propagation Letters*, 2015; Guest Editor, *Progress in Electromagnetics Research (PIER)*, 2001; Production Editor, *Journal of Electromagnetic Waves and Applications*, 2000-2005; Reviewer for NSF panels, DoD, NASA, several international agencies (Belgium, Canada, France, Georgia, Hong Kong, Israel, Kuwait, Netherlands, Qatar, Poland, S. Africa, Turkey). Referee for 100+ journals (APS, IOP, IMA, IEEE, OSA, SIAM etc.).

### **Student Advising**

PhD advisor to completion for 25+ students. Dissertation committee member for 110+ PhD students.

### **Professional Service**

Fellow IEEE. Elected Member URSI Commissions B and F. Secretary, Vice-Chairman, and Chairman of the IEEE Columbus AP/MTT Joint Chapter, 2002-2006. TPC PIERS 00, Cambridge, MA. AdCom and session organizer: PIERS '00, '02, '08; ICEAA 01, APS/URSI '02. TPC member: IEEE APS/URSI '03–'22; IEEE FEM Workshop '04, '08, '10, '12; GPR '06; EuCAP '14, '15, '16, '17, '18; IEEE VTC '17; SBMO '21. ICERM 2018 Workshop Organizer. ICCEM '20 Advisory Committee member. Session chair in numerous conferences.

### **Other**

NSF CAREER awardee. Oberwolfach Institute Fellow. OSU Harrison Faculty Award for Excellence in Engineering Education. NASA Certificate of Appreciation (twice). OSU Lumley Research Award (twice). OSU Commercialization Achievement Award,

# Nandini Trivedi

## *Professional Preparation*

Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India	Physics	B.S.-M.S. 1981
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	Physics	Ph.D., 1987
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL	Post-doctoral research associate	1987-1989
SUNY at Stony Brook, NY	Post-doctoral research associate	1989-1991

## *Appointments*

Professor, Department of Physics	The Ohio State University	2004-
Visiting Professor, Physics	MIT	Spring 2016
Visiting Professor, Physics	UC Berkeley	Fall 2016
Visiting Professor	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2002-2003
Reader, Associate Professor, Professor	Tata Institute of Fundamental Research	1995-2004
Assistant Scientist, Scientist	Argonne National Laboratory	1991-1995

## *Honors and Awards:*

2022	College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor of Physics, Ohio State University
2021	Distinguished Alumni Award, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi,
2020	Fellow, American Association for Advancement of Science
2019	Distinguished Scholar, The Ohio State University
2018	Fellow, Institute of Science of Origins, Case Western Reserve University
2015-2016	Simons Fellow
2010	Fellow, American Physical Society

**Total Publications: 137 (refereed); Review articles: 9; Books edited: 1**

**h-index: 61;** 38 papers with over 100 citations (Google Scholar)

**Patent** No: US 11,011,692 B2 May 18, 2021, *Thermoelectric Device Utilizing Non-Berry Curvature*

## *Synergistic Activities*

- Member, International Scientific Advisory Board, Max Planck Institute for Solid State Research, 2023-2028.
- Member (2015 - present), Editorial Board, Reports on Progress in Physics [Impact Factor 18], Institute of Physics (IOP), United Kingdom
- Chair (2020), Gordon Research Conference, Strongly Correlated Systems
- Chair (2020), Vice Chair (2019), APS Buckley Prize Committee
- Chair (2018), Vice Chair (2017), APS Onsager Prize Committee
- Kavli Institute of Theoretical Physics, Member, Advisory Board, 2016-2019; Chair, CMT Advisory Committee 2017-2018.
- Editorial board, Reports on Progress in Physics, 2015-
- Co-organizer, “Spin-Orbit Coupling and Magnetism in Correlated Transition Metal Oxides”, OSU, May 3-7, 2015.
- Member-at-large, Condensed Matter Physics (DCMP), American Physical Society (2011-2014)
- Member, DOE Panel on “Grand Challenges at the Interface of Condensed Matter Physics and High Energy Physics” chaired by Juan Maldacena (Princeton), Eduardo Fradkin (UIUC) (2014)

Nandini Trivedi, *continued*

- Co-organizer, Aspen summer program on “Disorder, Dynamics, Frustration and Topology in Quantum Condensed Matter”, Aspen Center of Physics, (2013).
- Member, DOE-BES review panel for Oak Ridge National Laboratory (2011)
- Founder-Director, “Scientific Thinkers”, an inquiry-based science outreach program started in 2012 at Innis Elementary School, Columbus, Ohio, a largely minority school. The program brings STEM undergraduate and graduate students to the classroom to teach hands-on experiments and critical thinking to elementary school students.
- Director and organizer of 3 “Festivals of Physics” (2007, 2009, 2011) in partnership with Columbus Science Museum COSI with participation by ~80 undergraduate and graduate students engaging with the public in each event.

***Graduate Advisor:***

Neil W. Ashcroft, Cornell University

***Postdoctoral advisors:***

David M. Ceperley, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Philip B. Allen, SUNY Stony Brook

**Total Number of Graduate Students Supervised: 26**

**Total Number of Postdocs Supervised: 18**

**Total Number of Undergraduate Students Supervised: 27**

**Post-Doctoral Advisees**

**Current:** Abhisek Samanta (PhD: TIFR, Mumbai), Xu Yang (PhD: Boston College), Penghao Zhu (PhD: UIUC)

**Past:** Zachariah Addison (Asst. Prof. Wellesley College, Boston, PhD: U. Penn), Oscar Avalos Ovando, Kyungmin Lee, Niravkumar D. Patel, Subhasree Pradhan, Kyusung Hwang, Karim Bouadim, Soon-Yong Chang, Mehdi Kargarian, Yen-Lee Loh, Anamitra Mukherjee, David Nozadze, Prasenjit SenSarma, Salman Ullah, Shizhong Zhang

**Graduate students**

**Current:** Shi Feng (Presidential Fellow 2023), Sayantan Roy, Ryan Buechele, Oleksandr Molchanov, Arkaprava Mukherjee, Carter Swift, Nagananda Krishnamurthy

**Past:** Joseph Szabo, Yanjun He, Wenjuan Zhang, Franz Utermohlen, David Ronquillo, Hasan Khan, Timothy McCormick (Presidential Fellow 2017), David Ronquillo, Chris Svoboda, William Cole (Presidential Fellow 2013), Oinam Ngamba Meetei (Presidential Fellow 2012), Onur Erten, Mason Swanson (NSF Fellow), Eric Duchon, Julia Janczak, Arun Paramekanti, Sara Rajaram, Dariush Heidarian, Amit Ghosal

**Undergraduate research students**

**Current:** Seth Cox, Salim Karimov, Luke Knull, Nigel Krekeler, Alexander Torres

**Past:** Lauren Clar, Boxi Song, Cullen Ganterberg, Candice King, Dhruv Prasad, Benjamin Knight, Ian Osborne, Robert McKay, Omar Mansour, Charles Woodrum, Ian Osbourne, Adu Vengal, Caitlin Patterson, Michael Ferrarelli, Henry Xiong, William Chuirazzi, Joseph Garrett, Robert Ivancic, Nickolas Sedblock, Nathan Turner, Natalie Zeleznick, Nathan McKee

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### Education

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major/Area</u>	<u>Degree/Position</u>	<u>Year</u>
Los Alamos National Laboratory	Theoretical Division	Postdoc	1996-97
Arizona State University	Solid State Science Ctr.	Postdoc	1995-96
University of Regensburg, Germany	Physics	Doctor of Science	1995
University of Regensburg, Germany	Physics	Diploma (~M.S.)	1992

### Positions

2010-	Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
2008-	Co-PI and Member of the “Center for Emergent Materials” at OSU, an NSF MRSEC
2001-2010	Associate Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
1999-2001	Principal Staff Scientist, Computational Materials Group, Motorola, Austin, TX; Project Leader “Front-End Process Simulation”.
1997-1999	Senior, then Technical Staff Scientist, Computational Materials Group, Motorola, Los Alamos, NM

### Awards and Honors

2012	<b>Lumley Research Award</b> and two <b>Interdisciplinary Lumley Research Awards</b> from the College of Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
2006	First recipient of the new <b>Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award</b> , jointly awarded by the Fraunhofer-Society and the Humboldt Foundation “to young, top-rank academics from the USA in recognition of their achievements in applied research to date.”
2006	<b>Mars Fontana Teaching Award</b> of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
2004	<b>Nano Technology Industrial Impact Award</b> from the <i>Nano Science and Technology Institute</i> with Prof. Gerd Duscher (UTK) for the discovery of atomically sharp „ideal“ interfaces in Ge/SiO <sub>2</sub> devices.
2001	<b>Golden Quill Award</b> from Motorola for outstanding contribution to the publication objectives of the Motorola Semiconductor Products Sector.
1998+99	Two <b>Patent &amp; Licensing Awards</b> from Los Alamos National Laboratory for contributions to the coding of the “CLSMAN” molecular dynamics simulation platform (with Arthur F. Voter, Joel D. Kress, and Robert B. Walker).
1992-95	<b>Fellow</b> of the postgraduate study program “ <i>Graduiertenkolleg</i> ” of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft at the University of Regensburg.

### Selected Publications Past Five Years:

1. E. Bianco, S. Butler, S. Jiang, O. D. Restrepo, W. Windl, and J. E. Goldberger, *Stability and Exfoliation of Germanane: A Germanium Graphane Analogue*, [ACS Nano 7, 4414 \(2013\)](#).
2. S. Z. Butler, S. M. Hollen, L. Cao, Y. Cui, J. A. Gupta, H. R. Gutiérrez, T. F. Heinz, S. S. Hong, J. Huang, A. F. Ismach, E. Johnston-Halperin, M. Kuno, V. V. Plashnitsa, R. D. Robinson, R. S. Ruoff, S. Salahuddin, J. Shan, L. Shi, M. G. Spencer, M. Terrones, W. Windl & J. E. Goldberger, *Progress, Challenges, and Opportunities in Two-Dimensional Materials Beyond Graphene*, [ACS Nano 7, 2898 \(2013\)](#).
3. M. F. Chisholm, G. Duscher & W. Windl, *Oxidation Resistance of Reactive Atoms in Graphene*, [Nano Lett. 12, 4651 \(2012\)](#).
4. P.J. Phillips, M. De Graef, L. Kovarik, A. Agrawal, W. Windl & M.J. Mills, *Atomic-resolution defect contrast in low angle annular dark-field STEM*, [Ultramicroscopy 116, 47 \(2012\)](#).
5. O. D. Restrepo and W. Windl, *Full first-principles theory of spin relaxation in group-IV materials*, [Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 166604 \(2012\)](#).
6. S. C. Nagpure, S.S. Babu, B. Bhushan, A. Kumar, R. Mishra, W. Windl, L. Kovarik & M. Mills, *Local electronic structure of LiFePO<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles in aged Li-ion batteries*, [Acta Materialia 59, 6917 \(2011\)](#).
7. R. Mishra, O. Restrepo, S. Rajan & W. Windl, *First principles calculation of polarization induced interfacial charges in GaN/AlN heterostructures*, [Appl. Phys. Lett. 98, 232114 \(2011\)](#).
8. R. Mishra, O. D. Restrepo, P. M. Woodward, and W. Windl, *First principles study of defective and non-stoichiometric Sr<sub>2</sub>FeMoO<sub>6</sub>*, [Chem. Mater. 22, 6092 \(2010\)](#).
9. R. Heinen, K. Hackl, W. Windl & M. F.-X. Wagner, *Microstructural evolution during multi-axial deformation of pseudoelastic NiTi studied by first principles and micromechanical modeling*, [Acta Mater. 57, 3856 \(2009\)](#).
10. D. Li, W. Windl & N. P. Padture, *Towards Site-Specific Stamping of Graphene*, [Adv. Mater. 21, 1243-46 \(2009\)](#).
11. M. F.-X. Wagner & W. Windl, *Mechanical stability, elastic constants and macroscopic moduli of NiTi martensites from first principles*, [Acta Mater. 56, 6232-6245 \(2008\)](#).

### Selected Other Scholarly & Synergistic Activities

- Associate Editor of the *Journal of Computational Electronics* (2002-2011) and the *Journal of Computational and Theoretical Nanoscience* (2002-2008).
- 25 times session organizer and co-organizer at annual meetings of professional societies (multiple times at MRS, EMRS, APS, TMS, AIChE, and NSTI); Chairman of the International Conference on Computational Nanoscience Conference Series; Co-organizer of the 10<sup>th</sup> US National Congress on Computational Mechanics, Columbus, OH July 16-19, 2009.
- Presentation of research results in more than 100 invited talks at professional meetings and colloquia.

**Graduate Student and Postdoctoral Advisors:** D. Strauch (U. Regensburg, ret.), O. F. Sankey (hBar Scientific, Prof. Em. ASU), A. F. Voter (LANL), J. D. Kress (LANL).

### Former Advisees in the Last Five Years:

#### *Graduate students:*

W. Luo (Deform, PhD 2008), A. Bharathula (Lam Research, PhD 2010), J. Askin (Dow-Corning, PhD 2010), H. Govindarajan (Nufern, MS 2011), R. Mishra (ORNL, PhD 2012), A. Agrawal (Clemson, PhD 2012), L. Ward (Northwestern, MS 2012).

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Associate Professor The Ohio State University, **2024-present**  
Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Assistant Professor Colorado State University, **2017-2023**  
Department of Chemistry

## EDUCATION

Postdoctoral Researcher Northwestern University, **2013-2017**

Advisor: **Prof. Danna E. Freedman**

Project: Coordination Chemistry Approaches to Molecular Electronic Spin Qubit Development

Ph.D. Inorganic Chemistry University of California, Berkeley, **2013**

Advisor: **Prof. Jeffrey R. Long**

Thesis: Slow Magnetic Relaxation in Multinuclear Coordination Clusters and Low-Coordinate Transition metal Complexes

B.S. *summa cum laude* in Chemistry Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, **2007**

Advisor: **Prof. Gordon T. Yee**

Project: Tunable, Three-Dimensional Magnetic Coordination Polymers

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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| (8) Cottrell Teacher-Scholar Award                                | Research Corp for Scientific Advancement, <b>2021</b>                    |
| (7) NSF CAREER Award  | National Science Foundation, <b>2020</b>                                 |
| (6) Pre-Tenure Faculty Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring Award | Colorado State University, <b>2020</b>                                   |
| (5) Doctoral New Investigator Award (PI)                          | ACS-Petroleum Research Fund, <b>2019</b>                                 |
| (4) Trailblazer Award (PI)  | National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, <b>2018</b> |
| (3) IIN Outstanding Researcher Award (postdoc)                    | International Institute of Nanotechnology (IIN), <b>2016</b>             |
| (2) SciFinder Future Leaders Award (postdoc)                      | Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), <b>2016</b>                            |
| (1) Doctoral Thesis Award in Molecular Magnetism (graduate)       | European Institute of Molecular Magnetism, <b>2016</b>                   |

## FUNDING

- (9) National Science Foundation, QuSeC-TAQS: Noise Engineering For Enhanced Quantum Sensing (Co-PI), \$1,750,000 (USD), 2023-2027, Current.
- (8) National Science Foundation, *Toward High Intensity Forbidden EPR Transitions In Bimetallic Complexes* (PI), \$450,000 (USD), 2023-2026, Current.
- (7) National Science Foundation, *REU Site: Advancing Chemistry with Cross-Disciplinary Collaboration - Chemical Sciences at CSU* (Co-PI), \$405,000 (USD), 2023-2026, Current.
- (6) Research Corporation for Scientific Advancement, Cottrell Scholar Award: *Harnessing Ligand-Shell Nuclear Spins to Control Molecular Spin Coherence* (PI), \$100,000 (USD), 2021-2023, Current.
- (5) National Science Foundation, Early CAREER Award: *CAREER: Robust Coherence and High Sensitivity in Metal-Ion Nuclear-Spin Qubits* (PI), \$658,000 (USD), 2021-2026, Current.
- (4) National Institutes of Health, *A Coordination Chemistry Approach to High-Field Electron Paramagnetic Resonance Imaging* (PI), \$533,905 (USD), 2018-2021, Completed – 7 publications.
- (3) American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund, *Rare Earth Magnetic Control of Organic Reactions* (PI), \$110,000 (USD), 2019-2021, Completed.
- (2) US Department of Energy, *Toward a Photomagnetic Mechanism for f-Element Separations* (PI), \$180,000 (USD), 2020-2021, Completed.



- (1) National Science Foundation, *QLC: EAGER: Toward Magnetic Selectivity with Molecular Clock Qubits* (PI), \$250,000 (USD), 2018-2020, Completed – 8 publications.

#### SELECT INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

- (22) Üngör, Ö.; Sanchez, S.; Ozvat, T. M.; Zadrozny, J. M. "Asymmetry-Enhanced  $^{59}\text{Co}$  NMR Thermometry in Co(III) Complexes" *Inorg. Chem. Front.* **2023**, *10*, 7064-7072.
- (21) Martinez, R.; Jackson, C. E.; Üngör, Ö.; van Tol, J.; Zadrozny, J. M. "Impact of Ligand Chlorination and Counterion Tuning on High-Field Spin Relaxation in a Series of V(IV) Complexes" *Dalton Trans.* **2023**, *52*, 10805-10816.
- (20) Kamin, A.; Moseley, I. P.; Oh, J.; Brannan, E.; Gannon, P.; Kaminsky, W.; Zadrozny, J. M.; Xiao, D. J. "Geometry-dependent valence tautomerism, magnetic ordering, and electrical conductivity in 1D iron-tetraoxolene chains" *Chem. Sci.* **2023**, *14*, 4083-4090.
- (19) Campanella, A. J.; Üngör, Ö.; Zadrozny, J. M. "Quantum Mimicry With Inorganic Chemistry" *Comments Inorg. Chem.* **2023**, Online Article. DOI: 10.1080/02603594.2023.2173588
- (18) Üngör, O.; Ozvat, T. M.; Grundy, J.; Zadrozny, J. M. 9.22 - Transition metal nmr thermometry. In *Comprehensive Inorganic Chemistry III (Third Edition)*, Reedijk, J., Poeppelemeier, K. R. Eds.; Elsevier, 2023; pp 745-770.
- (17) Üngör, Ö.; Ozvat, T. M.; Ni, Z.; Zadrozny, J. M. "Record Chemical-Shift Temperature Sensitivity in a Series of Trinuclear Cobalt Complexes" *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2022**, *144*, 9132-9137.
- (16) Jackson, C. E.; Ngendahimana, T.; Lin, C.-Y.; Eaton, G. R.; Eaton, S. S.; Zadrozny, J. M. "Impact of Counterion Methyl Groups on Spin Relaxation in  $[\text{V}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_4\text{O}_2)_3]^{2-}$ " *J. Phys. Chem. C* **2022**, *126*, 7169-7176.
- (15) Torres, J. F.; Oi, C. H.; Moseley, I. P.; El-Sakkout, N.; Knight, B. J.; Shearer, J.; Garcia-Serres, R.; Zadrozny, J. M.; Murray, L. J. "Valence Delocalized  $S = 7/2$  cis-( $\mu$ -1,2-Dinitrogen)Diiron(I/II) Complex" *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2022**, *61*, e202202329.
- (14) Moseley, I. P.; DiVerdi, J.; Ozarowski, A.; Zadrozny, J. M. "Chemical Control of Magnetic Relaxation via Paramagnetic Spin Bath Design" *Cell. Rep. Phys. Sci.* **2022**, *3*, 100802.
- (13) Campanella, A. J.; Zadrozny, J. M. "Ligand Design of Zero-Field Splitting in Trigonal Prismatic Ni(II) Cage Complexes" *Dalton Trans.* **2022**, *51*, 3341-3348.
- (12) Ozvat, T. M.; Rappé, A. K.; Zadrozny, J. M. "Isotopomeric Elucidation of the Mechanism of Temperature Sensitivity in  $^{59}\text{Co}$ -NMR Molecular Thermometers" *Inorg. Chem.* **2022**, *61*, 778-785.
- (11) Zhao, Y.; Zhu, H.; Wink, D. J.; Sung, S.; Zadrozny, J. M.; Driver, T. G. "Counterion Control of tert-BuO-Mediated Single Electron Transfer to Nitrostilbenes Constructs N-Hydroxyindoles or Oxindoles" *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2021**, *60*, 19207-19213.
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- Statistical and algorithmic aspects of quantum information science

## Education

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2017	Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering (Dr. Michael Wakin, advisor)	Colorado School of Mines
2012	B.E. in Telecommunications Engineering (Dr. Gang Li, advisor), winner of Best Bachelor's Thesis Award (1/125)	Zhejiang University of Technology Jianxing Honors College

## Positions

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2022-	Assistant Professor	Ohio State University Department of Computer Science & Engineering
2020-2022	Assistant Professor	University of Denver Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering
2018-2019	Postdoctoral Fellow (Dr. René Vidal, advisor)	Johns Hopkins University Center for Imaging Science Mathematical Institute for Data Science

## Honors

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2021	Research, Scholarship, and Creative Work Faculty Recognition	Univ. Denver
2019	Finalist for the Best Student Paper Award	IEEE CAMSAP
2018	Electrical Engineering Graduate Research Award	Colorado School of Mines
2013	National Scholarship	Ministry of Education of PRC
2012	Best Bachelor's Thesis Award (1/125) for the Thesis "On The Sparse Representation of Signals in Compressive Sensing"	ZJUT
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## Research Support

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2023-2026	"Collaborative Research: RI: Medium: Principles for Optimization, Generalization, and Transferability via Deep Neural Collapse," OSU PI, \$400K, NSF Division of Information and Intelligent Systems (Collaborative with J. Sulam at JHU and Q. Qu at UMich)
2023	"Nonconvex Optimization for Efficiently Characterizing Quantum Network," OSU PI, \$10K, CQISE Partnership Seed Award (Collaborative with B. Kirby at ARL)
2021-2025	"Collaborative Research: CIF: Medium: Structured Inference and Adaptive Measurement Design in Indirect Sensing Systems," DU PI, \$344K, NSF Division of Computing and Communication Foundations (Collaborative with M. Wakin and G. Tang at Colorado School of Mines)

2020-2024 “Collaborative Research: CIF: Small: Deep Sparse Models: Analysis and Algorithms,”  
DU PI, \$205K, NSF Division of Computing and Communication Foundations  
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## Professional Activities

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Action Editor for *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*

Area Chair for *ICML*, *NeurIPS*, and *ICASSP (MLSP)*

Co-organizer of the first *Conference on Parsimony and Learning (CPAL)*, three workshops on *Seeking Low-Dimensionality in Deep Neural Networks (SlowDNN)*, SIAM MDS22 Mini-symposium on *Deep Learning with Low-Dimensional Models*.

## Teaching Experience

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OSU: *Machine Learning, Deep Learning: Models, Theory & Application*

DU: *Machine Learning, Large-scale Optimization, Probability and Statistics for Engineers*

IEEE ICASSP: short courses on *Learning Nonlinear and Deep Low-Dimensional Representations from High-Dimensional Data: From Theory to Practice*, and *Low-Dimensional Models for High-Dimensional Data: From Linear to Nonlinear, Convex to Nonconvex, and Shallow to Deep*

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5. J. Zhou, C. You, X. Li, K. Liu, S. Liu, Q. Qu, and Z. Zhu, “Are All Losses Created Equal: A Neural Collapse Perspective,” *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022.
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## Letters of Support

### Included here are concurrence letters from:

1. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
2. Department of Computer Science Engineering
3. Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
4. Department of Materials Science Engineering
5. Department of Mathematics
6. Department of Physics



May 3, 2024

Professor Jay Gupta  
Department of Physics  
College of Arts and Sciences

Dear Jay

As Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, I strongly support your effort to establish a new interdisciplinary graduate program in QISE. As you know, QISE is a broad and rapidly developing field that spans fundamental science and engineering, including for example, research by our faculty into designing molecular complexes that can serve as spin qubits. We look forward to the increased opportunities for collaborative education and research that this program will help foster at OSU.

We concur that the new graduate courses to be developed as part of this program (see table below) can be cross-listed in our department and will be of interest to students as well as those in the new program. When or if our faculty teach these courses, students will enroll in our Departmental cross-listed course (e.g. CHEM 7100 for the Foundations course). Graduate students in the new program can also take our courses as electives, assuming the necessary prerequisites are met, or with permission of the instructor.

QISE 7100 (cross-lists: CHEM 7100, CSE7100, ECE 7100, MATH 7100, MATSCEN 7100, PHY7100)	Foundations in QISE
QISE 7101 (and cross lists)	Quantum Circuits and Algorithms
QISE 7102 (and cross lists)	Grand Challenges in QISE
QISE 7110 (and cross lists)	Modular content

Sincerely,

Claudia Turro  
*Dr. Melvin L. Morris Endowed Professor and Chair*  
*Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry*



September 4, 2024

Dear Dr. Gupta,

As Chair of the Department of Computer Science Engineering, I strongly support your effort to establish a new interdisciplinary graduate program in QISE. As you know, QISE is a broad and rapidly developing field that spans fundamental science and engineering, including for example, research by our faculty into quantum computing that demonstrate advantage over classical computing. We look forward to the increased opportunities for collaborative education and research that this program will help foster at OSU.

We concur that the new graduate courses to be developed as part of this program (see table below) be cross listed in our department and will be of interest to students as well as those in the new program. When or if our faculty teach these courses, students will enroll in our Departmental cross-listed course (e.g. CSE 7100 for the Foundations course). Graduate students in the new program can also take our courses as electives, assuming the necessary prerequisites are met, or with permission of the instructor.

Required core courses for degree: MS			
Course #	Course Title	Credits for course based	Credits for thesis based
QISE 7100 (and cross-lists)	Foundations in QISE	4	4
QISE 7101 (and cross lists)	Quantum Circuits and Algorithms	4	4
QISE 7102 (and cross lists)	Grand Challenges in QISE	3	3
PHY 6810, CHEM 6540, MATSCEN 6756.72, CSE 6321, ECE 5510, MATH 6601	Computational/Numerical Methods	1+	1+
QISE 7111	Journal Club	2	2+



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QISE 7112	Professional development seminar	2	2
QISE 7113	1st year Research Rotations	9+	9+
XXXX-7999	Thesis research	0	10+

With best regards,

Anish Arora  
Distinguished Professor of Engineering and Chair  
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## ECE Concurrence on QISE Graduate Program

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Dear Prof Gupta,

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering is pleased to offer its concurrence for the proposed Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Quantum Information Science and Engineering. This is subject to the understanding that ECE faculty may teach core courses in the new program, but it will be on an as-available basis, subject to teaching loads and demands in ECE. ECE will continue to offer the three ECE elective courses mentioned in the proposal (ECE 5012, 5510, and 6511), at a frequency determined by enrollments and availability of instructors.

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April 16, 2024

Dear Dr. Gupta,

As the Chair of the Department of Mathematics, I am writing to offer our strong support for your efforts to establish a new interdisciplinary graduate program in QISE. As you know, QISE is a broad and rapidly developing field that spans fundamental science and engineering, including for example, research by our faculty into the properties of topological qubits. We look forward to the increased opportunity for collaborative education and research that this program will help foster at Ohio State.

We concur that the new graduate courses to be developed as part of this program (see table below) can be cross-listed in our department and will be of interest to students as well as those in the new program. When or if our faculty teach these courses, students will enroll in our departmental cross-listed courses (e.g., MATH 7100 for the Foundations in QISE course). Graduate students in the new program can also take our courses as electives, assuming the necessary prerequisites are met, or with permission from the instructor.

QISE 7100 (cross-lists: CHEM 7100, CSE7100, ECE 7100, MATH 7100, MATSCEN 7100, PHY7100)	Foundations in QISE
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QISE 7110 (and cross lists)	Modular content

Sincerely,

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April 14, 2024

**Jay Gupta, PhD**  
Professor  
Department of Physics  
Director, NSF NRT - QuGIP

**Re: Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Quantum Information Science and Engineering**

Dear Dr. Gupta,

As Chair of the Department of Materials Science Engineering, I strongly support your effort to establish a new interdisciplinary graduate program in QISE. As you know, QISE is a broad and rapidly developing field that spans fundamental science and engineering, including for example, research by our faculty into controlling potential defect qubits in epitaxial materials. We look forward to the increased opportunities for collaborative education and research that this program will help foster at OSU.

After consideration by the MSE Graduate Studies Committee, we concur that the new graduate courses to be developed as part of this program (see table below) can be cross-listed in our department and will be of interest to students as well as those in the new program. When or if our faculty teach these courses, students will enroll in our Departmental cross-listed course (e.g. MATSCEN 7100 for the Foundations course). Graduate students in the new program can also take our courses as electives, assuming the necessary prerequisites are met, or with permission of the instructor.

QISE 7100 (cross-lists: CHEM 7100, CSE7100, ECE 7100, MATH 7100, MATSCEN 7100, PHY7100)	Foundations in QISE
QISE 7101 (and cross lists)	Quantum Circuits and Algorithms
QISE 7102 (and cross lists)	Grand Challenges in QISE

Sincerely,

Michael J. Mills  
Chair and McDougal Professor of Engineering  
Department of Materials Science and Engineering  
The Ohio State University



Friday, August 30, 2024

**Re: Concurrence letter for proposed quantum graduate program**

Dear Dr. Gupta,

As Chair of the Department of Physics, I strongly support your effort to establish a new interdisciplinary graduate program in QISE. As you know, QISE is a broad and rapidly developing field that spans fundamental science and engineering, including for example, research by our faculty into spin qubits and quantum communication. We look forward to the increased opportunities for collaborative education and research that this program will help foster at OSU.

We concur that the new graduate courses to be developed as part of this program (see table below) can be cross-listed in our department and will be of interest to students as well as those in the new program. When or if our faculty teach these courses, students will enroll in our Departmental cross-listed course (e.g. PHY 7100 for the Foundations course). Graduate students in the new program can also take our courses as electives, assuming the necessary prerequisites are met, or with permission of the instructor.

QISE 7100 (cross-lists: CHEM 7100, CSE7100, ECE 7100, MATH 7100, MATSCEN 7100, PHY7100)	Foundations in QISE
QISE 7101 (and cross lists)	Quantum Circuits and Algorithms
QISE 7102 (and cross lists)	Grand Challenges in QISE

Sincerely,

Ralf Bundschuh  
Professor and Chair  
Department of Physics



## Graduate Handbook

The Graduate Handbook discussed the program policies and procedures, and gives curricular guidance for MS and PhD students in the program, as well as their faculty advisors.

Linked document: [QuGIP Handbook v0.docx](#)



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**OSU QuGIP Handbook**

The QUGIP handbook contains policies, rules, procedures and general information affecting the students and faculty of the Program. Parts of this handbook refer to and parallel sections of the Graduate School Handbook. Program regulations define or extend Graduate School policies as they relate specifically to QUGIP students and faculty. It should be noted that, although no regulation promulgated by the QUGIP Program may contradict Graduate School regulations, some QUGIP rules and standards are more stringent than the basic Graduate School policies. Where no specific policy has been stated by QUGIP, Graduate School regulations apply.

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## 2 Introduction

**Program mission:** QuGIP will provide students with foundational coursework and accelerate their transition to experiential learning through quantum science research and industry graduate internships. The curriculum features a compact core of four graduate-level QISE courses with modular content specifically designed to accommodate students with Bachelor's degrees in Chemistry, Physics, Math, Computer Science and Engineering, Materials Science Engineering or Electrical and Computer Engineering. Students are recruited into one of four program specializations that integrate advanced elective courses, research rotations and experiential learning opportunities. The Quantum Computing specialization is focused on the development, implementation and scaling of quantum algorithms for solving complex problems and error correction. The Quantum Networking and Communication specialization is focused on the transportation and multiplexing of quantum information using elements such as photonics and microwave cavities. The Quantum Simulation specialization is focused on quantum-enabled methods to better understand physical systems whose complexity exceeds even the best classical high performance computing algorithms. Lastly, the Quantum Materials and Sensing specialization is focused on the physical materials (solid state and molecular) used for quantum bits, sensors and storage. These specializations are included on student diplomas to highlight the specific content and experiential knowledge students gain in the program.

Graduate degrees in Quantum Information Science and Engineering demonstrate proficiency in an interdisciplinary curriculum that requires strong communication skills and an active growth mindset for continued learning as the field evolves. At both Masters and PhD levels, the degree and specialization certifications will be attractive for employers in industry, government and academia.

To achieve this mission, the QuGIP program faculty and staff commit to:

- Provide a rigorous and challenging curriculum
- Provide an intellectually stimulating and enriching interdisciplinary training environment
- Provide opportunities for mentoring, professional development and career exploration
- Foster an environment of mutual respect and civil discourse that embraces diversity
- Ensure timely and satisfactory progress leading to graduation

**Handbook purpose and scope** - Graduate programs at OSU set their own specific policies that comply with the general policies of the Graduate School (see Graduate School Handbook). This Handbook defines the policies of the QUGIP Program. It is intended to supplement the Graduate School Handbook but does not replace it. Students and faculty in the Program must familiarize themselves with both documents and are responsible for complying with both sets of policies. In any case where language in the QUGIP Handbook is found to be in conflict with language in the Graduate School Handbook, the Graduate School Handbook shall take precedence.

Any changes to the QuGIP Handbook must be approved by a majority of the Graduate Studies Committee. Changes to the Handbook apply to all students immediately, with the following exceptions: Changes to course requirements will only apply to students that matriculate after the change. Changes to policies regarding candidacy, dissertation and final oral exams will only apply to students that have not yet submitted their application to take those exams.

**Student Petitions** – Discussed further in [Petitions and Grievance Procedures](#), Students may petition the Graduate Studies Committee to waive or alter any rule or requirement in this Handbook. The petition



should be presented to the Program Coordinator in writing, preferably accompanied by a statement from the student's advisor. The Graduate Studies Committee will consider the request and convey its decision to the student in writing.

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### 3 Program Director

The Program Director must be a QUGIP faculty member with Mentoring status. Faculty are appointed as Director by the dean of the Graduate School in consultation with the Graduate Studies Committee. The Director's term of duty is 3 years in duration and is renewable. One or more Associate Directors may be appointed by the Graduate School in consultation with the Director and the Graduate Studies Committee to help in administering the program.

The duties of the Program Director include:

- Supervise the Program Coordinator
- Exercise leadership in charting the development and implementation of Program goals, policies and practices
- Report on the program to OSU and External oversight committees
- Chair or co-chair the Graduate Studies Committee
- Manage and oversee Program operations including Program activities and student progress
- Propose, manage and oversee the Program budget
- Approve Program expenditures
- Work with students, faculty and the Graduate School to manage and respond to student issues as they arise, including issues relating to student performance and progress
- Work with students and faculty to resolve disputes and to implement and enforce disciplinary procedures
- Serve as primary academic advisor for all students in the program

The duties of an Associate Director may include:

- Provide backup support for the Program Director in case of unexpected absence
- Assist the Program Director in the duties listed above
- Approve applications for Candidacy and Graduation
- Approve applications for changes to a student's Advisory Committee

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## 4 QuGIP Graduate Studies Committee (GSC)

The QUGIP Graduate Studies Committee will be chaired by the QuGIP Director, and will comprise one faculty member from each of the 6 participating departments, and 1-2 student representatives. Committee members are appointed by the Program Director. Both mentoring and non-mentoring QUGIP faculty are eligible. The term of service is three (3) years and is renewable at the discretion of the Director. The GSC oversees and administers the program and acts as a liaison between the Graduate School and the faculty. The Committee's actions may be modified or reversed by a petition of a majority of the Program faculty. The GSC is responsible for formulating Program rules, including those concerning faculty membership, student admission, transfer, registration and degree requirements, and for overseeing the appointment and supervision of the program's Graduate Associates. Standing tasks include:

1. *Faculty membership*: The GSC reviews new faculty applications for membership.
2. *Recruitment*: The GSC oversees, participates and assists in the recruitment process.
3. *Curriculum/courses*: The GSC makes recommendations on new course proposals, and reviews areas of specialization and their alignment with Training Grant requirements.
4. *Fellowships/awards*: The GSC makes recommendations on fellowship and award nominations and drafts letters to support nominations.
5. *Program assessment and development*: The GSC coordinates assessment activities and makes recommendations on alignments with Training Grant and Program Project Grant applications.
6. *Curriculum oversight*: The GSC reviews QuGIP course syllabi, student outcomes and feedback, and recommends iterative improvements.

### 4.1 Admissions

The QuGIP GSC is also charged with admissions. The QUGIP Program embraces diversity and inclusivity and encourages applications from students of all backgrounds and walks of life that are passionate about science and research.

Applications are accepted for Autumn Semester admission. The deadline for admission is December 15 for both domestic and international applicants. Applications and supporting materials must be submitted on-line on the [Graduate and Professional Admissions](#) website. A non-refundable application fee is required by the University at the time of application, though this may be waived by petition to the GSC. The admissions process will include rubric-based, holistic review of written applications which must include:

- Transcripts covering all undergraduate and graduate academic work undertaken prior to application
- A personal statement, which should include a discussion of the applicant's motivation for graduate school and previous research experience. The personal statement should give background information concerning the factors which have stimulated the applicant's interest in quantum information science and engineering. Information about undergraduate or graduate research experiences is especially important and should be included. The candidate should also indicate specific areas of specialization that most interest them as a possible focus for their doctoral research, and discuss their longer-term plans following graduation.

- A curriculum vitae
- Three letters of recommendation from people that are acquainted with the applicants' academic program, scholastic ability or professional performance
- International students whose first language is not English and who have not received a degree from a U.S. university must submit TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores or IELTS (International English Language Testing System) scores. More information can be found on the [Graduate and Professional Admissions](#) website.
- Submission of GRE scores, both for the general and subject-specific exams, is optional. However, the committee will still consider GRE scores if they are submitted, and such scores may be helpful for students with gaps or weaknesses in their prior academic records.

In addition to the written materials, admissions will be based on videoconference interviews conducted by the Graduate Admissions Committee. These interviews will help assess student non-cognitive factors, research interests and identify potential faculty advisors.

All requirements listed above are in addition to general Graduate School requirements as stated in the [Graduate School Handbook](#).

#### **4.1.1 Entrance Requirements**

In general, an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.00 or greater (or equivalent) with fundamental training equivalent to an undergraduate major in Physics, Chemistry, Math, or Engineering is required for regular admission. Previous research experience is highly desirable. Applicants who have inadequacies with respect to these requirements, but who possess an otherwise promising record, may be granted conditional admission, with conditions determined by the Graduate Studies Committee.

#### **4.1.2 Academic Unit Transfer**

Students may apply for an intra-university transfer from another OSU academic unit by completing the Intra-University Transfer application on the Graduate and Professional Admissions website and by filling out the Transfer of Graduate Program form on [GRADFORMS](#). Applicants are required to submit the following materials with their application:

- A current advising report
- A current curriculum vitae
- A personal statement
- Three recent letters of recommendation (not letters from the original Graduate School application)

Transfer applications are typically reviewed with new applications for Autumn Semester admission. Transfer requests are not approved automatically by the Graduate Studies Committee and are considered for admission based on the competitiveness of the applicant pool. If the Graduate Studies Committee approves the transfer, it will specify which previously completed courses (if any) will count toward the doctoral degree in QUGIP.

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## 5 Faculty Membership

### 5.1 Membership categories

There are two faculty membership categories in QUGIP, *Mentoring* and *Non-Mentoring*: *Mentoring Faculty* are active participants in the QUGIP Program and are eligible to accept rotating students in their groups with the possibility of becoming their permanent advisor. To serve as a student's advisor, Mentoring Faculty are expected to fund their student advisees through graduation (see [Expectations of Mentoring Faculty](#) below).

*Non-Mentoring Faculty* are active participants in the QUGIP Program and have all the same rights and responsibilities as Mentoring Faculty except that they may not accept rotating students and may not serve as a student's advisor. This category may include faculty who retire with Emeritus status (see [Section 12.1](#) of the Graduate School Handbook). Examples of ways in which Non-Mentoring Faculty may contribute to the Program include teaching in QUGIP core courses or approved electives, serving on a student's Candidacy or Dissertation Committee, or serving on the QUGIP Graduate Studies Committee.

### 5.2 Faculty appointments

QuGIP Mentoring faculty are appointed to the Graduate School with Category P status (see [Section 12](#) of the Graduate School Handbook). Faculty that hold a salaried appointment as a regular, tenure-track Professor, Associate Professor, or Assistant Professor are eligible to apply to be Mentoring Faculty with Category P status in QUGIP. Faculty that hold a salaried appointment as a research-track or clinical-track Professor (at any rank) are eligible to be Mentoring Faculty (see below), or they may serve as Non-Mentoring Faculty with Category P status in QUGIP. Faculty with Category M status may serve as mentoring faculty for QuGIP Masters students only. QUGIP Faculty may hold additional memberships in other graduate programs.

Under certain circumstances, faculty that hold a salaried appointment as a research-track Professor, Associate Professor or Assistant Professor may be eligible for Mentoring status. In addition to the materials outlined below, research-track faculty seeking Mentoring status must also submit a letter from their department chair detailing the extent and duration of institutional support. To approve Mentoring status for a research-track faculty member the Graduate Studies Committee will need to see evidence of a long-term institutional commitment to the faculty member comparable to that of a tenured/tenure-track faculty member of equivalent rank, evidence of independence comparable to that of a tenured/tenure-track faculty member of equivalent rank, evidence of institutional commitment in terms of salary support and space, and start-up or extramural funds to enable the PI to take on and fund a graduate student throughout the course of that student's study.

### 5.3 Application process

To apply for QUGIP membership, faculty must submit the following application materials to the QUGIP Program Office via email at [QuGIP@osu.edu](mailto:QuGIP@osu.edu):

- *A letter of application.* In the letter, candidates should explain how their membership in QUGIP will be mutually beneficial to the candidate and the Program. Candidates should also indicate what they intend to contribute in terms of research expertise, collaborative ventures, student advising, serving on Program committees, hosting seminar speakers, moderating student seminars, teaching in courses, etc., and how they expect to benefit from QUGIP faculty membership. Candidates should also include information regarding previous experience mentoring and/or advising graduate students.
- A current curriculum vitae.
- For Mentoring faculty applications: *A completed Category P Status application form* (or Category M status application form) to affirm that they understand the requirements and responsibilities of QUGIP Program faculty membership and that they have read the relevant sections of the Graduate School Handbook and the QUGIP Program Handbook.

The Graduate Studies Committee will review the application materials and vote on membership. The vote shall be based on the applicant's qualifications, research expertise and experience. Tenured faculty should meet or exceed the expectations for funding and scholarly productivity detailed below, and junior faculty should demonstrate strong potential to meet or exceed those expectations. For Mentoring Faculty, their potential to serve as mentors and to enhance the training opportunities available to QUGIP students will be paramount. Admission requires a simple majority vote. If approved, the QUGIP Program will submit a nomination for Category P Status to the Graduate School. The applicant will receive notification from the Graduate School once the nomination is approved.

#### **5.4 Faculty expectations, rights and responsibilities**

Both Mentoring and Non-Mentoring QUGIP faculty are expected to participate in the intellectual, administrative and curricular activities of the Program including research seminars, research days, recruitment events, student seminars and courses, and/or serving on Program or Advisory Committees. Mentoring Faculty are also expected to be actively engaged in scholarly research. Only Mentoring Faculty are eligible to take on students for laboratory rotations and to serve as a student's advisor.

#### **5.5 Expectations of Mentoring Faculty**

Because of the unique administrative position of this interdisciplinary graduate program, Mentoring Faculty are expected to provide financial support (stipend, fees and tuition) for QUGIP graduate students once those students have joined their group (typically after the 1<sup>st</sup> Fellowship year). Mentoring faculty are expected to maintain support of their advisees through graduation, provided the student remains in Good Standing and is making reasonable progress toward their degree. Student support may be through a combination of research grant funding or teaching support negotiated by the faculty mentor with their host department. Faculty should discuss with potential advisees their projected support prior to confirming the mentoring relationship. Newly employed Assistant Professors with sufficient startup funds to support a graduate student are encouraged to take on students. *Mentoring faculty commit to the QuGIP Leave Policy discussed below, and may be required to make additional financial arrangements in the rare case of extended Leave.*

Mentoring faculty should be engaged in an active and productive program of scholarly research in the area of quantum information science or adjacent fields, and should be active participants in the intellectual life of the Program. As evidence of this, Mentoring Faculty must meet the following criteria when they initially apply and at the time of review to receive or maintain Mentoring status:

- *Funding:* At a minimum, Mentoring Faculty should have served as a PI or Co-PI on an extramural grant in the broad area of quantum information science or adjacent fields during the past 5 years. Assistant Professors that have not yet obtained extramural funding may be exempted, at the discretion of the Graduate Studies Committee, if they satisfy the other criteria enumerated below.
- *Scholarly productivity:* Mentoring Faculty are expected to publish their work annually in peer-reviewed journals and should have published an average of at least 1 paper per year (i.e. at least 5 papers in total) during the past 5 years. Graduate student contributions should be recognized by authorship.
- *Engagement in Program activities:* Mentoring Faculty should have engaged in two or more of the following activities during the past 5 years:
  - a. Served as a dissertation advisor to one or more QUGIP graduate students
  - b. Hosted one or more QUGIP students for a 1<sup>st</sup> year research rotation
  - c. Participated in a QUGIP recruiting event
  - d. Served on one or more QUGIP candidacy or dissertation committees
  - e. Hosted one or more CQISE seminar speakers
  - f. Judged abstracts, posters, or presentations in the QuGIP Symposium
  - g. Directed, or given one or more lectures in, an QUGIP core course or approved elective
  - h. Served on an QUGIP committee, e.g. the Graduate Studies Committee or Seminar Committee

These criteria may be waived, at the discretion of the Graduate Studies Committee, for Assistant Professors that are on the tenure track. Faculty that are not Assistant Professors on the tenure track and that do not meet these criteria for Mentoring Faculty status may be eligible for Non-Mentoring Faculty status.

## **5.6 Expectations of Non-Mentoring Faculty**

Non-Mentoring Faculty have all the same rights and responsibilities as Mentoring Faculty except that they may not take on rotating students or serve as dissertation advisors. To be eligible for Non-Mentoring status, faculty must have met two or more of the following criteria when they initially apply or at the time of review:

- a. Participated in an QUGIP recruiting event
- b. Served on one or more QUGIP candidacy or dissertation committees
- c. Hosted one or more CQISE seminar speakers
- d. . Judged abstracts, posters, or presentations in the QuGIP Symposium
- e. Directed, or given one or more lectures in, an QUGIP core course or approved elective
- f. Served on an QUGIP committee such as the Graduate Studies Committee or Seminar Committee

Non-Mentoring Faculty who wish to take on rotating students or serve as the dissertation advisor to one or more QUGIP students may apply to be converted to Mentoring Faculty status upon fulfilling the eligibility criteria described above.

## **5.7 Faculty Review**

Every five (5) years, the Graduate Studies Committee will review all Mentoring and Non-Mentoring Faculty to determine whether or not they meet the above criteria. This review will apply to all Mentoring and Non-Mentoring Faculty who have been part of the Program for more than one year. The purpose of this periodic review is to ensure that the faculty are engaged and contributing to the mission of the Program and that faculty who wish to accept students into their groups have active, funded and productive research programs. Individual faculty members are responsible for providing the requested materials.

If the Graduate Studies Committee determines that a faculty member has satisfied the relevant criteria listed above, their status will be renewed for another 5 years. If it is determined that a Mentoring Faculty member does not meet the criteria for Mentoring status but does meet the criteria for Non-Mentoring status, they will be transferred to Non-Mentoring status. If a Non-Mentoring faculty does not meet the renewal requirements, they will enter a 1 year probationary period allowing them extra time to satisfy the requirements. If the requirements are not met after this period, they will be removed from the programs' list of active faculty.

Pursuant to [Section 12.6](#) of the Graduate School Handbook, if the Graduate Studies Committee determines that a faculty member has not satisfied the relevant criteria listed above or has failed to provide the requested materials in a timely manner, after reasonable accommodations have been made, the Committee may recommend to the Graduate School that Category P status in the QUGIP Program be revoked or made probationary until certain specified conditions are met. Faculty will be notified before any such action is taken and will be allowed to respond in writing within a reasonable timeline specified by the Graduate Studies Committee. The faculty member's response, if any, will be included in the information sent to the Graduate School. The Graduate School will review the recommendation and forward its findings to the dean of the Graduate School for final action.

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## 6 Student Appointments and Financial Support

QuGIP's standing as an interdisciplinary program which is not directly hosted in any department has important ramifications on graduate student support. This necessitates some differentiation of expected support for Masters and PhD degree students, and may vary depending on the quantity and type of research the student will pursue. Consequently, admission to QuGIP depends in part upon the availability of support for the incoming student, and will be an important component of the admissions rubric.

First and foremost, a graduate student's principal objective should be to earn their graduate degree. QuGIP is committed to helping students secure financial support to help achieve this objective. Appointment as a Graduate Associate contributes to that objective by providing an apprenticeship experience along with financial support. This apprenticeship complements formal instruction and gives the student practical, personal experience that can be gained only by performing research and teaching activities. It is expected that Graduate Associate responsibilities will not interfere with a student's reasonable progress toward completion of the graduate degree. QuGIP students may also be supported as a Fellow, which conveys a greater opportunity to focus on excellence in coursework and research. The type and availability of Fellowship positions will vary with time, and may depend on university policies and external funding. The QuGIP Director, in consultation with the Graduate Studies Committee, will make determinations on the availability of program Fellowship funding for PhD and MS students.

For example, during the launch phase of the program (up to AY 28-29), typical appointments for QuGIP MS and PhD students will be as follows:

- **PhD Students** (~ 6 / year) will be supported as Fellows in their first year. Support through the PhD will come from additional fellowship years (e.g. University or extramural), or GRA / GTA positions. QuGIP faculty pursue a variety of externally funded research efforts that would be appropriate for QuGIP student thesis or dissertation work. As the mix of available positions varies widely among the participating departments and faculty, a funding plan will be developed for each student, starting from the initial recruitment, and informing the choice of research advisor. QuGIP faculty will be responsible for confirming a funding plan if they would like to advise a student in the program. Though these positions are *not guaranteed*, QuGIP will make every effort to ensure that PhD students receive financial support throughout their degree.
- **MS students** (~ 2 / year) will be supported as Fellows in their first year. Any MS students beyond this number may be self- or employer-funded, or may be supported as a Fellow, GRA or GTA. The QuGIP Director and Program Coordinator will discuss a projected funding plan with accepted MS students prior to matriculation. This plan will depend on the students' MS path (e.g. thesis or non-thesis) and career goals, as well as the available program resources.

*(This section of the handbook will be revised on a regular basis to reflect evolution of the program funding model. )*

In addition to the policies outlined below, Graduate School policies are stated in **Section 9** (Graduate Associates) and **Section 10** (Graduate Fellowships) of the Graduate School Handbook, and in publications from the Office of International Affairs and English as a Second Language Programs.

## **6.1 Terms of Appointment – Graduate Associates**

Graduate Associate appointments are for 50% time, with the balance of their time to be devoted to the coursework and training required for their degree. Renewal is dependent upon satisfactory performance. Students are not permitted to hold other jobs while on Graduate Associate appointments without written permission from the Program. Graduate Associate appointments are accompanied by fee authorizations, which means that students are not responsible for paying general and instructional fees for their tuition. However, students are responsible for paying a Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) fee, student activity fee, facility fee, and student recreation fee. All students must contribute to the subsidized student health plan unless they can document that insurance is available from another source. Graduate Associates are eligible for staff parking, staff special and sporting event tickets, and faculty/staff library privileges. Parking fees, late penalties etc. are the student's responsibility.

QUGIP students must:

1. Be registered for the required minimum number of credit hours specified in this Handbook
2. Perform their GA duties satisfactorily
3. Not hold other jobs without written permission from the program
4. Maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0
5. Maintain satisfactory progress toward the degree both in academics and research

*Admissions:* Students accepting GA appointment offers prior to the April 15 acceptance deadline may resign in writing through April 15. After that date, students are committed to our offer unless formal contract release is obtained from the program. Incoming first-year students are appointed for one year, conditional upon satisfactory performance and progress. Unsatisfactory performance may result in cancellation of appointment and/or voiding of any future support guarantee.

Each semester, MS and PhD student appointments are made through a process considering the students career goals, program resources, and resources of the participating faculty and departments. Graduate appointments will be reviewed by the Program Coordinator, who will report back to the Program Director and Graduate Studies Committee as needed. Projections for support for the next two semesters will also be considered during this review period.

### **6.1.1 Graduate Research Associates (GRAs)**

Graduate Research Associates (GRAs) perform focused, original research under the guidance of a faculty research advisor. These appointments will be arranged by the advisor's home department, and will be funded by the advisor's intramural or extramural research funding. Students are responsible for obtaining information concerning policies that may apply to employees on grant-funded research activities.

### **6.1.2 Graduate Teaching Associates (GTAs)**

Graduate Teaching Associates (GTAs) help with the University's instructional mission, and may for example, perform classroom teaching, help develop curricular materials, or provide grading services. These appointments are made by the department or instructional unit in which the teaching is to be performed. The faculty research advisor is responsible for arranging for such positions if needed. Typically these arrangements will take place as a result of discussions with the Department Chair of the faculty advisors' home department.

### **6.1.3 Graduate Administrative Associates**

Graduate Administrative Associates have administrative responsibilities within a department or other academic unit. QUGIP does not allow students to be appointed as Graduate Administrative Associates.

## **6.2 Fellowships and Supplemental support**

As noted above, Fellowship funding varies with time depending on university policies and external funding. First-year QuGIP PhD students will generally be supported as a QuGIP Fellow, with funding coming from the Program, or from successful competition in the University's Fellowship program, administered by the Graduate School. QuGIP MS students may also be supported as a QuGIP Fellow or by a University Fellowship. In order to be eligible for University Fellowships, complete applications must be received by the application deadline. The Graduate Studies Committee is charged to review all applications and nominate students for the University Fellowships. PhD students who win a University Fellowship will receive an extra Fellowship year funded by QuGIP. In certain cases, alternative arrangements (e.g. GRA funding in the first year) may be arranged in consultation with the QuGIP Graduate Studies Committee, the student and their faculty advisor. Post-candidacy, QuGIP students may also be eligible for competitive fellowships such as the OSU Presidential Fellowship, administered by the Graduate School. Students must be nominated by the QuGIP Graduate Studies Committee for this Fellowship. QuGIP students are also encouraged to apply for extramural fellowships offered by federal agencies and private foundations.

## **6.3 Termination**

Students who voluntarily resign their appointment because of unwillingness to perform duties will, in general, void all guarantees of future support and not be considered for reappointment. Students resigning due to exceptional circumstances such as health or personal problems may be considered for future reappointment in competition with other applicants.

The program may terminate continuing appointments early for the following reasons:

1. Enrollment for less than the required number of credit hours
2. Mutual agreement on termination between the GSC and the student
3. Unacceptable academic performance resulting in the student being placed on academic probation by the Graduate School. Academic probation voids all guarantees of future support. Reappointment based on regaining good academic standing is at the discretion of the program Director.

4. Lack of progress toward the degree, as mutually agreed upon by the advisor and the program Director.
5. Lack of funds or other reasons, at the discretion of the program Director.

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## 7 Time off and Leave

### 7.1 Time off

Graduate Associate appointments cover the entire calendar year, with no break between appointment periods. Students on Graduate Associate appointments may take time off, e.g. for vacation, but they do not receive or accrue specific number of days for vacation or sick leave. Rules regarding time off during semesters, term breaks or other times are determined by the student's dissertation advisor or appointing unit as follows:

1. For students that have not selected an advisor (e.g. first-year students doing laboratory rotations), the appointing unit is the QUGIP Program and any time off must be approved by the QUGIP Program.
2. For students that have selected an advisor and are appointed as Graduate Research Associates, the advisor must approve all time off.
3. For students that are appointed as Graduate Teaching Associates, the appointing unit is an academic department and any time off must be approved by that department.

All students must check with their advisor or appointing unit to determine when they are expected to be on duty. While vacation policies may vary from unit to unit or advisor to advisor, QUGIP expects that all students will be given reasonable opportunities for time off for vacation in keeping with what is allowed for University employees.

The scheduling of any time off should be approved by the advisor or appointing unit, with the understanding that it should not unduly impact the student's coursework, teaching responsibilities, or research progress.

Time off without notification may be grounds for termination of a student's appointment and denial of further registration in the QUGIP Program.

### 7.2 Travel outside the USA

All students that need to travel outside the USA, including international students that visit their home country, should inform the QUGIP office prior to their trip, consult with the [OSU Office of International Affairs](#) about international travel requirements, and if possible, provide QUGIP a contact number at which they can be reached in the event of an emergency.

### 7.3 Short-term leave (usually 1 to 3 days, not to exceed 2 weeks)

All Graduate Associates and Fellows who are in good academic standing, making reasonable progress toward their degrees, and who are paid through the OSU payroll system, are eligible to request a short-term leave of absence in the event of a difficult life situation such as a personal illness or the illness or bereavement of an immediate family member. Short-term leave is defined as 1 to 3 days, but in rare instances can be up to 2 weeks. The duration of the leave should be proportionate to the circumstances

for taking the leave. Appropriate documentation regarding the reason for the short-term absence is required but may be waived in some circumstances.

An eligible student on a short-term leave of absence will receive 100% of his/her stipend and all other benefits associated with their appointment (fee authorization, health care subsidy, etc.).

#### **7.4 Long-term leave (usually 2 to 6 weeks)**

Graduate Associates who are in good academic standing, making satisfactory progress towards their degree, have been appointed as Graduate Associates for at least two consecutive semesters, and who are paid through the OSU payroll system, are eligible to apply for a long-term leave of absence in the event of a serious personal health condition or to care for an immediate family member with a serious health condition. Long-term leave is defined as more than 2 weeks but may not exceed 6 weeks. Medical documentation is required.

An eligible student on a long-term leave of absence will receive 100% of his/her stipend and all other benefits associated with their appointment (fee authorization, health care subsidy, etc.).

Graduate Associates who are on 50% appointments (which is the norm for QUGIP students) are not eligible for the protections extended to workers under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA).

#### **7.5 Academic leave (more than 6 weeks)**

If a leave of absence of more than 6 weeks is required (e.g. for a serious personal health condition, to care for an immediate family member with a serious health condition, or some other comparable difficult life situation) it may be appropriate for a student to request an academic leave of absence (e.g. a leave from both appointment duties and academic enrollment). This type of leave must be requested on a semester-by-semester basis, up to a maximum of one academic year, and requires approval from the dissertation advisor, the QUGIP Program and the Graduate School. If approved, the student's appointment and registration in the QUGIP Program will be suspended temporarily and then reinstated (subject to the approval of the student's advisor, QUGIP Program and Graduate School) at the end of the semester when the student is able to rejoin the Program. Students who decide to take an academic leave of absence will be informed of any potential impact that the time off will have on their expected funding opportunities when they return and they will need to consider this information when making their decision.

Students on academic leave of absence do not receive a stipend, fee authorization or any associated benefits.

#### **7.6 Childbirth or Adoption**

Graduate Associates who are in good academic standing, making satisfactory progress towards their degree, have been appointed as Graduate Associates for at least two consecutive semesters, and who

are paid through the OSU payroll system, are eligible to apply for a leave of absence with full stipend and benefits due to childbirth or adoption.

A birth mother will receive 100% of her stipend and all other benefits associated with her appointment (fee authorization, health care subsidy, etc.) for up to 6 weeks or until the last day of her appointment, whichever comes first. A father, domestic partner or adoptive parent will receive 100% of stipend and benefits for up to 3 weeks or until the last day of their appointment, whichever comes first.

### **7.7 Approval of vacation and leave requests**

For students that have not selected a dissertation advisor (e.g. first year students doing laboratory rotations), requests for a vacation or leave of absence should be directed to the QUGIP Program office. For students that have selected an advisor, requests for vacation or short-term leave should be directed to the advisor. If the student has an advisor, they do not need to notify the QUGIP Program of vacation or short-term leave requests, but they should always consult with the QUGIP Program before making requests for long-term leave of absence or for leave due to childbirth or adoption. For students that are appointed as Graduate Teaching Associates, the academic department in which the student is appointed should also be consulted. It is the student's responsibility to consult with the QUGIP Program office, advisor or appointing unit to establish their eligibility for leave and to request leave.

### **7.8 Fellows**

The above leave policies may not apply to students that are supported by fellowships. Students should consult with the agency that granted their fellowship for information on the leave options available to them.

See [Appendix F](#) of the Graduate School Handbook for further guidelines and policies on time off and leaves of absence for Graduate Associates and Fellows.

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## 8 Curriculum – MS and PhD in QISE

Students will be recruited into one of four program specializations that integrate advanced elective courses, research rotations and experiential learning opportunities. The Quantum Computing specialization is focused on the development, implementation and scaling of quantum algorithms for solving complex problems and error correction. The Quantum Networking and Communication specialization is focused on the transportation and multiplexing of quantum information using elements such as photonics and microwave cavities. The Quantum Simulation specialization is focused on quantum-enabled methods to better understand physical systems whose complexity exceeds even the best classical high performance computing algorithms. Lastly, the Quantum Materials and Sensing specialization is focused on the physical materials (solid state and molecular) used for quantum bits, sensors and storage. These specializations will be included on student diplomas to highlight the specific content and experiential knowledge students gain in the program.

**Masters in QISE** degree recipients will have demonstrated strong academic performance in the core coursework in QISE, and will have gained professional skills in communication, ethics and interdisciplinary collaboration through seminar-style courses and program events. In addition, Masters recipients will have benefited from an experiential learning experience which could include one or more research rotations, or an industry-sponsored research project or internship. Depending on their preparation and career goals, the Masters degree program can be completed by students in 3-6 semester terms, typically 1-2 academic years. Masters students who would like to continue to the PhD degree must have identified a willing dissertation advisor who has arranged for continuing funding, and receive approval from the QuGIP Director.

**PhD in QISE** degree recipients will have similarly demonstrated academic and professional skills, but will also have made a substantial and novel contribution to the field through original research. As knowledge generation can take a considerable time, PhD degrees will typically take 15-18 semester terms (5-6 academic years). Though there are some variations in the number of required elective courses by program Specialization, these will not impact the overall time to degree for the students.

### 8.1 Course Registration and Scheduling

Students are required to register for the appropriate number of credits each semester in order to be eligible for appointment as a Graduate Associate or Fellow. Without an appointment, students cannot receive a stipend or tuition benefits.

Students are not permitted to schedule courses outside the scope of the QUGIP Program (i.e. those that are not core courses or approved electives) without written permission from their dissertation advisor and the Program Director. Decisions concerning elective course selection should be made in consultation with the advisor whenever possible. Students bear full responsibility for problems arising from failure to consult with their advisor regarding appropriate registration, failure to follow the advisor's recommendations, or failure to comply

- **English As Second Language (ESL) Courses**



International students may also be required to take specific ESL composition courses as determined by the post-admission placement examination. International students may also be required to take specific spoken English courses for teaching certification if they wish to serve as a teaching assistant.

Explicit registration instructions will be provided each term. Registration is done online. Students should consult the Registrar's website for the Master Schedule of Classes each semester for course offerings. Prior to registration, new International students are required to attend the Office of International Affairs (OIA) Orientation to release the SEVIS hold from their student record.

MS students should register for at least 8 credit hours during each semester, except the Summer term when the minimum is 4 credit hours.

Precandidacy PhD students: Students on Graduate Associate (GRA or GTA) appointments must be registered for at least 8 credit hours during each semester, except Summer term when the minimum is 4 credit hours. PhD students are advised to register however, for 15-18 credit hours to avoid adverse impact on time to degree.

Students on fellowships must register for at least 12 credit hours each semester, except Summer term when the minimum is 6 credit hours. However, Fellows are also advised to register for 15-18 credit hours their first year.

Post-candidacy PhD students:

- Post-candidacy students must register for 3 credit hours each semester (including Summer).
- Registration for more than 3 credit hours post-candidacy requires prior written permission from the advisor and the Program Director.
- Post-candidacy students are required to be enrolled (i.e. registered for classes) every semester (excluding Summer term) until graduation. This is known as the Continuous Enrollment requirement.

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## 8.2 MS curriculum

**Course requirements:** A minimum of 30 credit hours will be required for Masters degree recipients. These requirements are consistent with the OSU Graduate School, and national expectations for graduate education in related STEM fields. Course requirements are summarized in the table below. All of the courses will be delivered in person. Two Masters options will be offered. Option A is a course-focused Masters, which will include foundational and elective coursework, and 1-2 research rotations focused on learning and applying research methods to specific, well-defined problems. Option B is a thesis-based Masters, which will include a heavier focus on research rotations, followed by a sustained period for thesis research with a specific faculty advisor, identified during the first year rotations.

**Time to degree:** Depending on their preparation and career goals, the Masters degree program can be completed by students in 3-6 semester terms, typically 1-2 academic years. Though there are some variations in the elective courses by program Specialization, these will not impact the overall time to degree for the students. In addition to coursework, Masters students pursuing the thesis option will have a 1-2 term period for experiential learning, including research with a faculty advisor and/or industry internship. Students will be enrolled in the program full-time, and will be supported with fellowships in their first year, and with Research or Teaching Assistantships in following years, contingent on arrangements of their primary faculty advisor. Masters students wishing to transition into the PhD program may do so with permission of the QuGIP Graduate Studies Committee.

### MS in QISE Curriculum

Required core courses for degree: MS			
course # (red = new course)	Course Title	Credits for Opt A	Credits for Opt B
QISE 7100 (and cross-lists)	Foundations in QISE	3	3
QISE 7101 (and cross lists)	Quantum Circuits and Algorithms	3	3
QISE 7102 (and cross lists)	Grand Challenges in QISE	3	3
PHY 6810, CHEM 6540, MATSCEN 6756.72, CSE 6321, ECE 5510, MATH 6601	Computational/Numerical Methods	1+	1+
QISE 7111	Journal club	2	2+
QISE 7112	Professional development seminar	2	2
QISE 7113	1 <sup>st</sup> year Research Rotations	3+	6+
XXXX-7999	Thesis research	0	10+
GRADSCH 8000	Responsible conduct in research	0	1
Electives: choose from PHY 6000+, MATSCEN 6000+, ECE 5000+, CHEM 6000+, CSE 5000+, MATH 6000+ in consultation with advisor and graduate studies committee			

Specialization	Example electives (# cr)
Quantum Computing	CSE 6429 Advanced Computer Architecture (1-3); ECE 7005 Information Theory (3); MATH 6251 Theory of Probability (4)
Quantum Networking and Communication	ECE 5012 Integrated Optics (3), ECE 6511 Nonlinear Optics (3), CSE 6469 Advanced Studies in Computer networking (1-3); Physics 8820 Special topics: Atomic, molecular and optical physics (3)
Quantum Simulation	MATH 6801 Algebraic Topology (3); MATH 6151 Commutatitve Algebra (3); PHY 8820 Special Topics: Quantum information theory (3)
Quantum Materials and Sensing	MATSCEN 7835 Point Defects in Crystalline Materials (2); PHY 8806 Topics in Condensed Matter Physics (3); CHEM 6510 Quantum Mechanics and Spectroscopy (1.5)

Example progress in MS program:

MS	Y1-Au	# cr	Y1-Sp	# cr	Y1-Su	# cr	Y2+	# cr
Common core	QJSE 7100	3	QJSE 7101	3				
	Comp. Methods	3	QJSE 7102	3				
	QJSE 7111	1	QJSE 7111	1				
	QJSE 7112	1	QJSE 7112	1				
Course-based	Elective #1	4	QJSE 7113	3				
	Elective #2	4	Elective #3	3				
	TOTAL	16		14				
	Cumulative	16		30				
Thesis-based	QJSE 7113	3	QJSE 7113	3	Research - 7999	12	Research - 7999	TBD
	GRADSCH 8000	1			QJSE 7111	1	QJSE 7111	1
	TOTAL	12		11				
	Cumulative	12		23		36		36+

Students may petition the GSC for approval of other elective courses not found on this list. The petition should include a brief rationale for taking the course as well as a copy of the course syllabus. Approval of electives is determined by the GSC. To be approved as an elective, a course must be taught at a level appropriate for graduate students and must be assigned a letter grade. Courses that are grade S/U are eligible to be approved as electives.

Students who have taken any of the required or elective courses prior to enrolling in the QUGIP Program (for example as OSU undergraduates), or who have taken equivalent courses at other universities, may petition the Program to have specific course requirements waived. The petition should include the course syllabus and a copy of the student's course transcript showing the grade that the student obtained in that course.

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### **Experiential learning**

As outlined in the table above, all QuGIP MS students are required to complete at least 3 credits of research rotations with QuGIP faculty. The rotations will be for 7 weeks, with a variable credit amount depending on the scope of the required work. Typically, one rotation will be for 1.5 credits, corresponding to approximately 9 hrs / week of work, although 3 or 4.5 credit rotations would also be appropriate for Option B students. While the specific activities will vary by group, in general during this time students will attend group and project meetings, learn research techniques, document their daily research activities and disseminate their research activities through regular reports and presentations. The experience will culminate in a rotation presentation to other QuGIP students, to be held at the end of each 7-week session during the semester.

QuGIP Option B MS students are also required to complete a summer research or internship experience, based on their career goals. Summer research will likely be with one of the rotation advisors, although another eligible QuGIP faculty member can serve as advisor. Students wishing to complete a MS thesis are encouraged to find a single advisor for both rotation and summer research, to give them time for a more sustained research project. Students wishing to do a summer internship are encouraged to identify host institutions during their first semester. Students should discuss this with their QuGIP academic advisor to learn about internship logistics and program connections.

#### **8.2.1 Culminating experience Masters in QISE:**

Masters degree recipients will have demonstrated strong academic performance in the core coursework listed above, and will have gained professional skills in communication, ethics and interdisciplinary collaboration through seminar-style courses and program events. In addition, Masters recipients will have benefited from an experiential learning experience which could include one or more research rotations, or an industry-sponsored research project or internship.

Option A (course-based): After completing the required courses, the non-thesis Master's examination will include written and oral components. The written component is a paper focusing on a specific topic in QISE of interest to the candidate and approved by the QuGIP GSC. The paper will connect their coursework to this topic, and place the topic in the context of the broader field of QISE. The paper will be approximately 15-25 pages in length, prepared with a professional style appropriate for a journal-style publication, with references cited, figures and formatting.

The oral part of the exam will consist of a 1-hour meeting with the students' Masters Exam Committee, which consists of three QuGIP faculty members. Using the written document as a starting point, the

exam will explore the candidate's knowledge of course content and their ability to connect fundamental questions to the current state of the field. The purpose of the exam is to determine the student's proficiency in the subject and the student's ability to integrate information and to solve scientific problems. Procedures for video conferencing, postponement of halting an oral exam in progress are described in [Section 6.2](#) of the Graduate School Handbook.

The candidate must pass both the written and oral portions of the exam, each of which requires a unanimous vote of the committee.

**Option B (MS Thesis):** The culminating requirement for Masters students will be a thesis document with an introduction that builds on course concepts and places the results and methodologies of the research/internship experience in the context of the field as a whole. The format and length of the thesis (typically 40-60 pages) is decided by the Master's Examination Committee, which consists of the student's research advisor (chair) and at least two other members of the QUGIP faculty. This committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the thesis and also conducting the oral exam. A final draft of the thesis should be submitted to the committee at least two weeks prior to the oral examination. The thesis draft must be approved unanimously by the committee prior to the oral examination. The committee's approval may be conditional upon specific changes to the text of the thesis.

The Masters candidate will defend their thesis document in a short-format oral exam to a committee of 2-3 program faculty. The oral examination should last at least one hour and not more than two hours. The exam should begin with a research presentation (not more than 30 minutes). This will be followed by questions from the Committee. Although the examination is primarily a defense of the thesis document, questions of a more general nature may also be asked. Procedures for video conferencing, postponement of halting an oral exam in progress are described in [Section 6.2](#) of the Graduate School Handbook.

A positive decision requires a unanimous vote of the examination committee. If the outcome is judged to be unsatisfactory, a second final examination and defense with the same committee may be scheduled with the permission of the examination committee. Failure of a second examination will result in ineligibility for a QUGIP graduate degree.

The written and oral examination components will be assessed based on the rubrics that can be found at the following link: [Rubrics.pdf](#).

### **8.3 PhD Curriculum**

**Course requirements:** A minimum of 80 credit hours will be required for PhD degree recipients. These requirements are consistent with the OSU Graduate School, and national expectations for graduate education in related STEM fields. Of these credit hours, 12 credit hours will be for foundational graduate coursework, at least 6 credits will be for seminar-style professional development courses (ethics, writing, journal club), and at least 6 credits will be for elective courses within a menu for the designated specialization. At least 40 credit hours will be for experiential learning (research, internships). All of the courses will be delivered in person.

**Time to degree:** PhD degrees will typically take 15-18 semester terms (5-6 academic years). Though there are some variations in the number of required elective courses by program Specialization, these will not impact the overall time to degree for the students. PhD students will be required to pass a candidacy exam with written and oral components. This will qualify them for a non-thesis based Masters degree. After candidacy, they can focus on dissertation-related research (~ 12-15 terms), and will also have an internship experience (~1 term). Students will be enrolled in the program full-time, and will be supported with fellowships in their first year, and with Research or Teaching Assistantships in following years, depending on the Departmental affiliation of their primary faculty advisor. These degree times and support models are typical for STEM programs at OSU and nationally.

Required core courses for degree: PhD		
course # (red = new course)	Course Title	Credits
QISE 7100 (and cross-lists)	Foundations in QISE	3
QISE 7101 (and cross lists)	Quantum Circuits and Algorithms	3
QISE 7102 (and cross lists)	Grand Challenges in QISE	3
PHY 6810, CHEM 6540, MATSCEN 6756.72, CSE 6321, ECE 5510, MATH 6601	Computational/Numerical Methods	1+
QISE 7111	Journal club	5+
QISE 7112	Professional development seminar	2
QISE 7113	1 <sup>st</sup> year Research Rotations	12
GRADSCH 8000	Responsible conduct in research	1
XXXX-8998/9	Research	30+
Electives (two courses, 4+ cr): choose from PHY 6000+, MATSCEN 6000+, ECE 5000+, CHEM 6000+, CSE 5000+, MATH 6000+ in consultation with advisor and graduate studies committee		
Specialization	Example electives (# cr)	
Quantum Computing	CSE 6429 Advanced Computer Architecture (1-3); ECE 7005 Information Theory (3); MATH 6251 Theory of Probability (4)	
Quantum Networking and Communication	ECE 5012 Integrated Optics (3), ECE 6511 Nonlinear Optics (3), CSE 6469 Advanced Studies in Computer networking (1-3); Physics 8820 Special topics: Atomic, molecular and optical physics (3)	
Quantum Simulation	MATH 6801 Algebraic Topology (3); MATH 6151 Commutatitve Algebra (3); PHY 8820 Special Topics: Quantum information theory (3)	

Quantum Materials and Sensing	MATSCEN 7835 Point Defects in Crystalline Materials (2); PHY 8806 Topics in Condensed Matter Physics (3); CHEM 6510 Quantum Mechanics and Spectroscopy (1.5)
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Example progress for PhD program:

PhD	# cr	# cr	# cr	# cr	# cr	# cr	# cr					
	Y1-Au		Y1-Sp		Y1-Su		Y2-Au		Y2-Sp		Y2-Su	
	QJSE 7100	3	QJSE 7101	3	QJSE 7111	1	Elective	3	Elective	3	QJSE 7111	1
	Comp. Methods	3	QJSE 7102	3								
	QJSE 7111	1	QJSE 7111	1	QJSE 8998	12	Research		Research		Research	2
	QJSE 7112	1	QJSE 7112	1								
	QJSE 7113	6	QJSE 7113	9	<i>Candidacy exam</i>							
	GRADSCH 8000	1										
	Total cr	15		17		13		3		3		3
	Cumulative	15		32		45		48		51		54
			Y3 (Au+Sp+Su)		Y4 (Au+Sp+Su)		Y5 (Au+Sp+Su)					
			QJSE 7111	1			QJSE 7111	1				
			Research and Electives	8	Research and Electives	9	Research and Electives	8				
			Credits	9	Internship	9		9				
			Cumulative	63		72		<b>81</b>				

Students may petition the program for approval of other courses not found on this list. The petition should include a brief rationale for taking the course as well as a copy of the course syllabus. Approval of electives is determined by the Director. To be approved as an elective, a course must be taught at a level appropriate for graduate students and must be assigned a letter grade. Courses that are grade S/U are eligible to be approved as electives. Once students have selected a dissertation advisor, selection of electives should be made with the advisor’s knowledge and approval.

Students who have taken any of the required or elective courses prior to enrolling in the QUGIP Program (for example as OSU undergraduates), or who have taken equivalent courses at other universities, may petition the Program to have specific course requirements waived. The petition should include the course syllabus and a copy of the student’s course transcript showing the grade that the student obtained in that course.

### 8.3.1 Experiential learning: pre-candidacy research

1<sup>st</sup> year research rotations - All QuGIP PhD students are required to do three 7-week research rotations during their first year, for a total of at least 15 credit hours. The rotations will be for a variable credit amount depending on the scope of the required work. Typically, one rotation will be for at least 3 credits, corresponding to approximately 9 hrs / week of work. While the specific activities will vary by group, in general during this time students will attend group and project meetings, learn research techniques, document their daily research activities and disseminate their research activities through regular reports and presentations. The experience will culminate in a rotation presentation to other QuGIP students, to be held at the end of each 7-week session during the semester. The three rotations

must be completed with three different faculty members who must be QUGIP Mentoring Faculty. Students may not rotate in the groups of faculty who are not Mentoring Faculty in QUGIP. Additional rotations are not automatic and only possible after consultation with, and the approval of the Director. At the beginning of each rotation, the student and faculty member must complete and sign Section 1 of the QUGIP Rotation Information form. The student is responsible for submitting this form to the QUGIP Program Office at the beginning of the rotation. At the end of the rotation, the student and faculty member must complete and sign Sections 2 and 3 of this form. The student is responsible for submitting this form to the QUGIP Program Office at the end of the rotation.

1<sup>st</sup> year summer research with advisor - PhD Students are expected to select a dissertation advisor by the end of their third rotation. Advisors must be Mentoring Faculty in the QUGIP Program. The advisor has responsibility for designing and overseeing the student's graduate training and serves as the student's primary mentor. In most cases a student will have a single advisor who is the PI of the laboratory in which the student is conducting his or her dissertation research. In the case of collaborative projects, the student may have different mentors for different portions of their project. In that case, the mentor that is supporting the student financially shall be considered the student's advisor of record. If the financial support of the student is shared between two Mentoring Faculty, then those faculty can be considered co-advisors in which case they both assume all the responsibilities that come with that designation. However, one advisor must be designated the advisor of record, and that is the faculty member that signs the Advisor Agreement form.

Changing Advisors - Students should be aware that communication between the dissertation advisor and student is vitally important. Dissatisfaction with the advisor/student relationship should be voiced when it exists. Students wishing to change advisors should contact the Program director or co-director(s). Situations in which changes of advisor are necessary occur infrequently but should be handled in such a way that all parties are aware of possible changes. This is especially relevant to situations in which students are supported by extramural grant funds while pursuing a change of advisor without the knowledge of the current advisor.

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### **8.3.2 Candidacy exam**

Advisory committee: The Advisory Committee consists of the student's dissertation advisor plus at least three other faculty. Committee members are selected by the student in consultation with their Advisor. All committee members must normally have P-status in the Graduate School at OSU. At least two of the committee members (including the Advisor) should be members of the QUGIP faculty with either Mentoring or Non-Mentoring status. The third and fourth committee members may be faculty who hold P-status in QUGIP or another graduate program at OSU. Persons that do not have P-status in the Graduate School at OSU, including faculty at other academic institutions, may only be added with the approval of the QUGIP Director and a petition to the Graduate School outlining the special qualifications and expected contributions of the proposed committee member.



Changes in the composition of the Advisory Committee membership may only occur when absolutely necessary, such as when members become unable to serve due to illness or death, or leave the university, and require Program approval. Requests to add or remove members of the Advisory Committee should be submitted to the Program in a written statement from the student and his or her advisor. This statement should be submitted as soon as possible, especially if occurring between the Candidacy Examination and Dissertation.

The Advisory Committee has both a formative and evaluative function. The committee members are selected for their expertise in one or more aspects of the student's dissertation research. The committee functions to mentor the student in their professional and scholarly development, to advise the student on their dissertation research plans, and to provide critical feedback on the student's ideas and progress. The committee should meet with the student as a group at least once each calendar year to review and evaluate the student's academic and research progress, but more frequent meetings are encouraged. Students in their fifth year and beyond should meet with their committee at least twice a year. The committee also functions to approve the student's course of study and to conduct the candidacy and doctoral examinations. Students are also encouraged to meet individually with their committee members as necessary to build the mentoring relationship and seek specific advice. However, such one-on-one meetings cannot substitute for the annual group meeting. Decisions of the Advisory Committee are to be conveyed to the QUGIP office in writing.

Timing, eligibility and scheduling: To be eligible to take the candidacy exam, students should have demonstrated *a solid foundation of knowledge in QISE*, including relevant mathematics, quantum circuits, and a sampling of quantum algorithms and physical platforms. For most students, this foundational knowledge will be acquired in the QuGIP core courses, with satisfactory performance defined as a cumulative 3.0 GPA. Students should also have demonstrated a *readiness to begin* independent research by having acquired specialized knowledge relevant for a chosen research direction. This knowledge may include experimental techniques and how they're applied to relevant quantum problems, literature searching skills, and deeper exploration of foundational topics introduced in the core courses. The program allows for a flexible timing schedule for candidacy, depending on the students' experience, academic and research performance, and the chosen research direction, which may require more formal coursework than the minimum requirements established here. For example, academically well-prepared students with sustained and relevant prior research experience may be ready to take the candidacy exam by the end of their first year, but in any case, students must pass candidacy by the end of their 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the program (i.e. 9<sup>th</sup> semester). Exceptions can only be granted by the Director and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Failure of a student to pass candidacy by the end of their third year may result in a denial of registration (see [Section X](#)).

At the start of the semester in which the student intends to complete candidacy, the student should submit an Application to Graduate (master's degree, candidacy option) on [GRADFORMS](#) as described in [Section XIV.3](#) of this Handbook. This will ensure that they obtain a master's degree when they pass candidacy. This is a non-terminal degree and does not impact the progress to the PhD in any way. The deadline for this application is usually the third Friday of the semester.

Students must schedule the written and oral portions of the candidacy exam in consultation with their Advisory Committee. Once the written portion of the exam has been completed, and at least two weeks before the oral exam date, the student must submit an Application for Candidacy Exam on [GRADFORMS](#). The form requires the following information:

1. The date the written portion of the exam was begun and the date it was completed. The completion date is the date that the written portion was submitted to the Advisory Committee.
2. The date, time and place of the oral exam. The exam should be scheduled for 2 hours.
3. The names of your dissertation advisor and committee members

The advisor and QUGIP Program must approve the Application for Candidacy Exam before it is received by the Graduate School. All applications for candidacy exams must be received by the Graduate School at least two weeks prior to the oral exam date. Note that a graduate faculty representative is not assigned unless the candidacy exam is being taken for a second time.

Written component: Guidelines for the written portion of the candidacy exam are as follows:

1. The written portion of the exam will take the form of a ***proposal for the dissertation research project***. The objective for this document is similar to external funding proposals. The student will seek to identify a dissertation-scale research problem, develop a plan to address the problem, and provide context to explain why the problem is important and impactful, and thus worthy of support. This document can be considered as a first draft of the first two chapters of the students dissertation.
2. Once the student and advisor have agreed on a dissertation problem, the student will prepare a Specific Aims page (not to exceed one page) outlining the nature and significance of the research problem and the goals and specific aims of the proposed research. At least one of the aims proposed must be a novel aim that is developed by the student independently without any input from the advisor.
3. The Specific Aims page is submitted to the Advisory Committee, which will then communicate with the student and the student's advisor to approve or disapprove of the aims. If not approved, the student will be asked to make changes and the process described above is repeated.
4. Upon approval, the student will have up to four weeks to write the initial proposal. The format of the proposal should include an Abstract, Introductory chapter (introducing the topic, problem rationale, literature review, problem context and broader impact), and a Proposed Research chapter (including rationale for proposed methods, foundations of the methods, proposed work and feasibility argument). The proposal (excluding abstract and references, but inclusive of all figures and tables) should be no more than 20 pages with 1.5 line spacing, 12-point font and 0.75" margins. The abstract, references, and any figure or table legends may be single-spaced and at a smaller 10 pt font. Since additional material may not be included in an appendix, all copies of the proposal must contain figures of sufficient size and quality to ensure legibility. All pages must be numbered. During the writing of the proposal, faculty input should be minimal. In particular, the student's advisor should not have read or evaluated the proposal or the aims page, and should not have otherwise assisted the student in its preparation prior to its submission for evaluation by all committee members. While faculty input on the scientific

content within the document is not allowable, students are encouraged to seek feedback from fellow graduate students and post-doctoral researchers. Hence, the work must largely represent the student's own thinking, and the student must be prepared to fully defend and justify the proposal orally.

5. A copy of the proposal is submitted to members of the Advisory Committee, who will formulate their evaluation within two weeks. Each committee member must submit a written evaluation to the advisor based on the relevant rubric here: [Rubrics.pdf](#) , copying other members of the committee.

If one or more rubric items are marked as 'unacceptable' by at least one committee member, the assessment results should be discussed in a formal meeting of the entire committee with the student. A plan for revisions will be settled on during this meeting, and the student will then have up to two additional weeks to make revisions to their document based on these discussions. The revised document will then be re-assessed by the committee. If the revised document is still deemed unacceptable, a final revision period of two additional weeks will be provided. If the document is still deemed unacceptable by the committee at this time, the student will be advised that the committee sees "no possibility for a satisfactory overall performance on the Candidacy Examination". In this event, the student may waive their right to take the oral examination (Section 7.4 of the Graduate School Handbook) by submitting a written statement requesting a waiver to the Advisory Committee, which will then record the results of the examination with the Graduate School as "unsatisfactory". The candidacy examination committee may not, however, deny a student the opportunity to take the oral portion. If the oral exam does take place, the student will be required to convincingly address the substantive issues raised in the written document.

If the written document is deemed 'acceptable' by all committee members, the student may schedule the oral part of the exam.

Oral component: The oral candidacy examination is conducted by the candidate's Advisory Committee and must be held within 4 weeks of their approval of the written proposal. If the examination is being taken for the second time, a Graduate Faculty Representative will also be assigned. The candidate is responsible for arranging a time and venue for the oral exam and for filing the Application for Candidacy Exam form with the Graduate School at least two weeks in advance.

The oral exam will be preceded by a brief (no more than 30 minutes) presentation by the candidate to the committee of the core ideas and approach of the proposal. This presentation should focus on the hypothesis, specific aims, and research design. Questions of clarification are allowed during this period, with critical questioning reserved for the following 1.5 hour exam period. The Committee will question the student on the content of the proposal and on any subjects directly or indirectly related to it, including techniques, literature, background etc. This format will further serve to test the student's knowledge of the core curriculum of the QUGIP Program.

If the examination is judged unsatisfactory, the candidacy examination committee must decide whether the student will be permitted to take a second candidacy examination and must record that decision on the Report on Candidacy Examination.

Second Candidacy Examination. The nature of the second candidacy examination is determined by the candidacy examination committee. Normally the second exam will include both a written and an oral portion. In cases where the student's performance on the first written exam was of such a high caliber that the exam committee does not request any rewrites, then only the oral portion needs to be repeated. The advisor should indicate on the Report on Candidacy Examination from the first attempt that a new written exam will not be required for the second attempt. If any portion of the first written exam was not satisfactory, the exam committee must administer a second written exam. A second oral exam will always be required. The candidacy examination committee for a second exam must be the same as the committee for the first attempt, unless a substitution is approved by the Graduate School. The second candidacy examination must be completed no later than one autumn or spring semester or summer term before graduation. All other rules pertaining to candidacy exams must be followed.

Result of the candidacy exam- The oral and written portions are considered one exam. It is possible that one of the portions could be judged unsatisfactory but counterbalanced by a sufficiently good performance on the other portion to obtain an overall satisfactory grade. However, committee approval must be unanimous. A student passes the exam only when all of the rubric line items for oral and written components are rated as 'acceptable' or above. A provisional pass may be given to students who may have 2-3 items that were deemed 'unacceptable' by one or more. Students in this case will work with their advisor to address the weaknesses identified, through supplemental writeups or discussions as determined by the committee. A Failing grade means that four or more line items in the rubrics were deemed 'unacceptable' by at least two committee members.

Master's Degree based on Candidacy - Students are encouraged to apply to graduate with a Master's degree based upon satisfactory performance on the Ph.D. Candidacy Examination. The Application to Graduate should be submitted the same semester that the student intends to take the candidacy exam. No prior approval is required for this, providing that the student is in good standing and has met the following criteria:

1. Complete the required courses and electives in the QUGIP curriculum as described in sections VIII.1 and VIII.2 in **Section VIII** of this Handbook.
2. Complete a minimum of 30 graduate credit hours of courses
3. Passed candidacy within the past 5 years (i.e. the candidacy has not expired)
4. The student does not already hold an equivalent master's degree in the same field

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### **8.3.3 Graduate internship**

QuGIP PhD students are also required to complete an internship experience with a sponsor chosen based on their career goals. Examples include an industry-sponsored internship (either working remotely or on-site), or an extended stay at a national lab or other research center. Students are advised to plan ahead in discussions with their faculty advisor as to where/when this internship should take place. For example, whenever possible the internship should be timed to not adversely impact the advisor's overall research program or funding timeline. Students are encouraged to identify a number of potential internship sites starting from their first year, and reach out to discuss internship logistics

such as stipend support, expectations, and intellectual property. Students will write about their internship as a chapter in their dissertations, putting their daily experiences during the internship into a larger context of research and/or market needs.

### **8.3.4 Annual Progress Reports**

In order to provide our students with regular assessments of their research progress, students must submit an annual progress report each year, starting in Year 2, using the post-candidacy advising sheet. This form contains portions that are to be completed and signed by the student and portions that are to be completed and signed by the Advisory Committee and becomes part of each student's file. The completed form should be submitted to the Program office by **June 30** of each year, along with an updated curriculum vitae. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that these materials are completed and submitted on time. This requires that the student schedule a meeting with their committee sufficiently far in advance to accommodate the committee members' schedules.

The Advisory Committee serves as the Dissertation Committee and is responsible for reviewing and approving the dissertation. The Graduate Studies Committee wishes to emphasize the importance of continuity in the composition of the Advisory Committee. Thus, it is expected that this committee should remain unchanged from the candidacy exam to the dissertation defense. Changes should only be made if absolutely necessary, e.g. if a committee member leaves the Program or the University or becomes otherwise unable to serve. If a change is to be made, the student and his/her advisor must notify the Program in writing as soon as possible, and absolutely no later than the point at which the student submits their application to graduate.

Advisors and other committee members are encouraged to use the Annual Progress Report form to identify strengths and weaknesses and to make specific recommendations for future improvement. This form is not a rubber stamp and should not be treated as such. This evaluation process is a great benefit to faculty, students and the Program itself. Regular progress assessments enhance productivity, improve communication, and align expectations, helping students to become better scientists. This interaction between student, dissertation advisor and Program is crucial in averting problems arising from lack of communication or other misunderstandings.

### **8.3.5 Culminating experience: PhD in QISE:**

When they are ready to graduate, PhD candidates will have completed a sustained body of original research. By this stage, it's expected for PhD students to have presented their research at international scientific conferences, and authored one or more peer-reviewed journal publications featuring their main results. The doctoral dissertation will integrate these experiences into a coherent document, thus placing the candidates' work in the context of the field as a whole. Chapters of the dissertation will include an Introduction which provides context for non-experts, a Chapter on methods used, including foundational principles, one or more chapters of main results, a chapter summarizing the internship experience, a concluding chapter summarizing key results and open questions, and one or more appendices with technical content or more preliminary results. Once the dissertation document is

deemed suitable in an iterative process with the faculty advisor, candidates will submit and defend the document to their advisory committee, as well as a Graduate Faculty Representative selected by the OSU Graduate School. In accordance with Graduate School policy, the dissertation defense will feature a public presentation, followed by a closed session with the committee.

Application to graduate and degree requirements audit- A student must complete and submit the Application to Graduate form on **GRADFORMS** by the Graduate School's deadline. At the same time, the student must complete and submit a Degree Requirements and Audit form to the QUGIP office. The application to graduate will not be approved by the program until this form has been received. The application to graduate is valid for that autumn or spring semester or summer term only. Submitting the application indicates that the student expects to complete all degree requirements by the end of that semester or term. It must be submitted by the student and approved by the dissertation advisor and Program Director. Students must have completed all the required coursework and electives (see **Section VIII**) before they submit their application to graduate.

Timeline - When a student is ready to prepare their dissertation, they should consult with their Advisory Committee to establish their availability to read and approve the dissertation and then conduct the Final Oral Examination. After submitting the dissertation draft, the student should allow their Advisory Committee at least two weeks to read it. After reviewing the document, the committee may approve it or they may request revisions. Once approved by all members of the committee (unanimous approval is required), the student may submit the Application for Final Exam on **GRADFORMS**. If the student wishes to graduate that same semester, then the dissertation must be submitted to the Advisory Committee at least two weeks before the Graduate School's deadline for submission of the Application for Final Exam. A committee member's approval of the dissertation draft means that they judge it to be of sufficient merit to warrant holding the Final Oral Examination.

The final copy of the dissertation must be submitted to the Graduate School within five years following the successful completion of the Candidacy Examination. If not, candidacy is cancelled and must be repeated.

#### **8.3.5.1** Preparation of the dissertation

The dissertation is a scholarly contribution to knowledge in the doctoral candidate's area of specialization. In researching and writing a dissertation, the doctoral candidate is expected to demonstrate a high level of knowledge and the capability to function as an independent scholar in their discipline.

A copy of the dissertation draft must be submitted electronically to the Graduate School for format review at the time the Application for Final Exam form is submitted. The dissertation must conform to Graduate School format requirements as described in the document preparation guidelines available on the Graduate School website. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with these requirements and for ensuring that they are adhered to.

The dissertation should be of a caliber similar to that expected of an article submitted to a peer-reviewed journal. Documents that are missing tables, graphs, citations, chapters or sections, etc., are considered incomplete and cannot be reviewed or defended. The student is responsible for ensuring that the information contained within the dissertation is original, complete, and does not include material that could be considered academic misconduct.

The doctoral dissertation must reflect the independent scholarship and work of the student. However, science is collaborative and our students are expected to publish so it is expected that the dissertation may include work that is published and/or to which others have contributed. In such instances, the student must clearly identify their own contributions and identify and acknowledge the contributions of others.

Published papers on which the student is the first or co-first author may be included as a dissertation chapter essentially as published or as submitted for publication or they may be modified. In such instances, the published papers should be incorporated in such a way as to make a unified, complete document and should comply with the following:

1. Each published paper should represent a distinct Chapter.
2. The text should be reformatted and the figures renumbered to be consistent with the formatting of the rest of the dissertation and to meet the Graduate School dissertation formatting guidelines.
3. The first page of the Chapter should include a complete citation that lists all authors of the published paper and an author contribution statement that explains the specific contributions of each author to the experimental design, data generation, figure preparation and writing.

Students are encouraged to add additional data or writing that might not have been included in the published paper due to space limitations or other constraints, where applicable.

Data from published papers on which the student is not a first or co-first author, or data that was obtained collaboratively, may be included in the dissertation. In such instances, the Chapter should be written by the student and proper attribution to the published or collaborative data must be provided in the figure legend, including an explanation of the student's contribution to the experimental design, data generation and figure preparation. If the work is published, it should always be accompanied by a citation.

Once the student has iterated their dissertation draft with their advisor and the document is viewed as complete, a copy of the dissertation can then be submitted to members of the Advisory Committee, who will formulate their evaluation within two weeks. Each committee member must submit a written evaluation to the advisor based on the relevant rubric here: [Rubrics.pdf](#), copying other members of the committee.

If one or more rubric items are marked as 'unacceptable' by at least one committee member, the assessment results should be discussed in a formal meeting of the entire committee with the student. A plan for revisions will be settled on during this meeting, and the student will then be required to make

revisions to their document based on these discussions. Once the revised document is deemed 'acceptable' or above by all committee members, the student may schedule the oral dissertation defense.

Oral dissertation defense -The final oral examination tests the doctoral candidate's originality, independence of thought, and ability to synthesize and interpret data, as well as the quality of the research presented. Responsibility for conducting and evaluating the final oral examination rests with the Final Oral Examination Committee which is composed of members of the Advisory Committee plus a Graduate Faculty Representative, who is appointed by the Graduate School. The advisor serves as chair of the Final Oral Examination Committee.

The Graduate Faculty Representative must be present for the entire duration of the oral examination and is a full voting member of the Final Oral Examination Committee. The Graduate Faculty Representative should be invited to ask questions and has the right to ask at least one question. The purpose of the Graduate Faculty Representative on the Final Oral Examination Committee is:

1. To assess the rigor of the examination process.
2. To assess the fairness, professionalism and integrity of the examination process.
3. To assess conformity to rules of the Graduate School (e.g., duration of the exam, adequate time for questions by the committee members).

The Graduate Faculty Representative renders an opinion based on their observation of the exam and reports a judgment to the Graduate School once the final oral examination is completed through an evaluation form on GRADFORMS. The Graduate Faculty Representative may attend the public seminar but is not required to do so.

The dissertation defense should typically last no more than two hours, and will include a 1 hr public portion and a 1 hr session with the committee. The public portion is comprised of a 45-50min presentation, followed by public Q&A. The committee should ask only clarifying questions during this period. Immediately following the public seminar, the Final Oral Examination Committee meets with the candidate in closed session. Questioning is expected to focus on the dissertation but is not limited to this topic. For example, the examiners may address principles and historical perspectives or general knowledge in addition to the data presented. The candidate will be expected to demonstrate a command of the relevant published literature and an ability to critically evaluate their data in that context. The candidate should be able defend the rationale and significance of their work and to justify their conclusions. Lastly, the candidate should demonstrate an understanding of fundamental concepts related to their research or arising from their work.

All members of the Final Oral Examination Committee including the Graduate Faculty Representative must be present throughout the exam. If one member has to leave temporarily, the examination must temporarily halt. Procedures for video conferencing, postponement of halting an oral exam in progress are described in [Section 7.9](#) of the Graduate School Handbook.



Immediately after the examination has concluded the Final Oral Examination Committee meets in the absence of the candidate and decides the result examination result by means of a vote. All committee members are expected to participate fully in questioning during the course of the examination and in the discussion of, and decision on, the result. For a candidate to pass the exam, all committee members must be in agreement. If one or more members of the committee judge the performance to be unsatisfactory, the committee may allow a second examination to be scheduled. Failure of a second examination will result in ineligibility for an QUGIP graduate degree.

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## 9 Academic Standards and Expectations

Students are expected to conform to the highest ethical and moral standards, which includes meeting the following expectations:

1. Demonstrate responsibility and integrity in their academic studies and research.
2. Learn, respect, and abide by commonly accepted professional codes of ethics and responsibilities in their discipline.
3. Be familiar with, and follow, all university policies related to ethics and scholarly conduct, including policies on academic integrity and plagiarism.
4. Treat university faculty, staff, and other students respectfully and professionally without bias or prejudice.

### 9.1 Good standing

Students are expected to maintain good standing. Students who fail to do this may be placed on remediation or probation by the Graduate School, may lose any associateship held, and may be denied further enrollment in the Program, which is known as a denial of registration. To be in good standing, students must do the following:

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Demonstrate Reasonable Progress in their dissertation research (defined below).
- Meet other Program expectations. This includes, but is not limited to, holding Advisory Committee meetings at least once annually, submitting annual progress reports in a timely manner, being responsive to correspondence from the Program Coordinator, Director, and attending Program events for which attendance is required.
- Conducting themselves with integrity and professionalism, consistent with the Graduate School policy on [Research Standards and Scholarly Misconduct](#).

Violation of university policy including, but not limited to, the OSU [Code of Student Conduct](#) and Graduate School policy on [Research Standards and Scholarly Misconduct](#), are also considered loss of good standing.

### 9.2 Reasonable Progress

To demonstrate Reasonable Progress towards QUGIP Program requirements, students must meet Program milestones and make satisfactory progress in their dissertation research. Program milestones include satisfactory completion of the required and elective coursework, and satisfactory completion of candidacy by the end of their third year. Satisfactory progress includes meeting or exceeding expectations in the annual progress report rubric completed by the Advisory Committee.

### 9.3 Remediation and Probation

Students must maintain a graduate cumulative grade average of 3.0 or better in all graduate level courses. Students that have a cumulative GPA below 3.0 after nine or more graded graduate credit hours have been attempted will, in close consultation with their dissertation advisor, Program Director, and the Graduate School, enter into a remediation plan for one semester. Graduate courses that are not assigned a letter grade do not count towards the nine credit hour threshold. The goal of the remediation plan is to help the student increase their cumulative GPA to 3.0 or higher. The plan may stipulate requirements regarding actions and/or specific courses to be taken.

Students who do not increase their cumulative GPA to 3.0 or better after remediation has been attempted for one semester but are judged to be making progress and are otherwise in good standing, will be placed on academic probation for one semester by the Graduate School. According to Graduate School rules, a student who is on probation in the Graduate School may not be appointed or reappointed as a Graduate Associate or Fellow.

A student who raises their cumulative GPA to 3.0 or higher within the time specified in the remediation or probation plan is removed from remediation or probation by the Graduate School. At that time, appointment or reappointment as a Graduate Associate or Fellow may be possible.

Course work taken during remediation or probation must be graduate-level, within the discipline, and approved by the Director.

#### **9.4 Denial of Further Registration**

A student who is not in good standing may be denied further registration by the Graduate School on the recommendation of the QUGIP Director. Denial of further registration means that the student is not permitted to re-enroll in the Graduate School unless accepted into another graduate program.

The Program may deny further registration to students who, while maintaining a GPA of 3.0 or higher, fail to do either of the following:

- Pass the Candidacy Examination by the end of their third year in the Program.
- Complete their doctoral requirements within five years following completion of the Candidacy Examination.

#### **9.5 Academic Dismissal**

Academic dismissal is the dismissal of a student from the University on academic grounds. A student on a remediation plan or on academic probation whose record continues to deteriorate will be warned that academic dismissal is likely if the record does not improve. Warnings will include performance criteria tailored to the individual student.

A student who is on probation and who does not raise their cumulative GPA to 3.0 or higher at the end of that semester or summer session of enrollment may be dismissed from the University at the discretion of the Graduate School following consultation with the student's QUGIP Program Director. At the end of two consecutive semesters or sessions on probation, the student is automatically dismissed

from the University unless good standing is achieved. If there are extenuating circumstances, the Program may petition the Graduate School for an exception to this policy.

A student who has had two unsatisfactory attempts at the candidacy examination or the final oral examination is automatically dismissed from the University on academic grounds.

## **9.6 Disciplinary Dismissal**

Disciplinary Dismissal is the dismissal of a student from the University on grounds of misconduct. Students found to have violated university policy (e.g. prohibitions against academic and non-academic misconduct) may be subject to sanctions up to and including Disciplinary Dismissal. Policies for the investigation of alleged misconduct are described in [Appendix C](#) of the Graduate School Handbook. As with Academic Dismissal, Disciplinary Dismissal will be noted on a student's permanent record. Unlike an Academic Dismissal, students dismissed for disciplinary reasons are not able to return to the university.

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## 10 Petitions and Grievance Procedures

### 10.1 Petitions

A student may petition for relaxation of, or modification to, any rules in the QUGIP Program handbook by submitting a written petition to the QUGIP Program office. Such a petition by a student should be accompanied by a letter of support from the student's first-year advisor or dissertation advisor.

### 10.2 Grievance Procedures

Occasionally, conflicts may arise either between graduate students or between students and faculty and/or staff members. Sincere attempts should be made to resolve conflicts among the involved parties before any grievance policy is activated. If that fails, a student may reach out to one or both of the QUGIP Program directors, who will endeavor to facilitate a resolution.

If a grievance remains after exhausting the informal process between the involved parties, the person having the unresolved complaint may file a written grievance with the QUGIP program office. The following protocol will be used:

1. The Graduate Student Grievance Committee (GSGC) will be formed and convened ad hoc when cases arise. It will be comprised of the Program Director(s) plus the Program Coordinator and four other members of the QUGIP Graduate Studies Committee who will be selected by the Director(s). The committee will not include anyone directly involved in the case and will not include anyone that could be perceived as having a conflict of interest in the case.
2. One of the QUGIP Graduate Program Directors will chair the GSGC, unless personally involved, in which case they will be excluded from all deliberations on the matter. If both Directors are excluded, the GSGC will select the chairperson by majority vote.
3. The chair of the GSGC will set a hearing date no later than two weeks after the grievance statement is received.
4. At least 72 working hours prior to the hearing, the chair of the GSGC will provide to all parties a written statement of the specific grievance, a notification of the time and place of the hearing, and copies of documents relevant to the grievance hearing.
5. Each party will appear in person to present his or her case.
6. The chair will preside over the hearing and determine all procedural matters. This is an administrative proceeding and, therefore, the formal rules of legal procedure do not apply.
7. All parties will be entitled to an expeditious hearing.
8. The final decision of the GSGC will be reported in writing to the parties involved no later than two weeks after the hearing. The report on this decision will also include a statement concerning the validity of the complaint.
9. Throughout this process the GSGC will attempt to mediate a mutually acceptable resolution whenever possible.
10. Cases not resolved at this level will be referred to the Graduate School, and formal grievance procedures shall be activated as described in [Section 9.5](#) of the Graduate School Handbook.

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## Course Descriptions

The quantum graduate program will include three new graduate core courses, as well as two new seminar courses and course-listings for 1<sup>st</sup> year rotations and MS thesis and PhD dissertation research. Syllabi for these courses are attached here, but a brief description of the required courses follows:

### New courses:

1. QISE 7100: Foundations in QISE (3 cr): this course will introduce a variety of core concepts from quantum mechanics that are especially relevant for initial studies in QISE, so that students will be able to: (i) understand quantum state notation, (ii) perform linear algebra calculations and distinguish entangled from separable quantum states, and (iii) understand how quantum superposition states are realized and measured in the laboratory. Importantly, these learning goals are not stressed in traditional quantum mechanics courses, and such courses often heavily emphasize discipline-specific formalism that is a barrier to students coming from different undergraduate training backgrounds.
2. QISE 7101: Quantum Circuits and Algorithms (3 cr): This course will provide students with a deeper appreciation for scaling and complementarity of classical and quantum computing. Students will be able to describe two paradigmatic algorithms for search (Grover) and factoring (Shor) and estimate regimes and problem classes where quantum advantage is expected.
3. QISE 7102: Grand Challenges in QISE (3 cr): This course will focus on grand challenges toward realizing quantum computers, including scalable multi-qubit entanglement, long-distance networking, error correction and algorithms. On the hardware side, the content will focus on fundamentals of electromagnetic interactions with matter, starting with microwave superconducting circuits and photonic structures, but also including semiconductor point defects, atoms, and molecules. A primary learning outcome for this course is for students to articulate pros and cons of physical implementations of quantum networks and qubits, with respect to computing algorithms and other quantum applications (sensing, simulations, communication).
4. QISE 7111: Quantum journal club (1cr): this is a required interdisciplinary journal club seminar course. Students will rotate presenting a paper of current interest, followed by group discussions clarifying key points and context. Students will develop general presentation skills and learn how to communicate across disciplines.
5. QISE 7112: Professional Development Seminar (1 cr): This will be a discussion-focused seminar on aspects of professional development and ethics particularly relevant to quantum information. For example, if quantum computers can break classical encryption, what's the ramification for data security? The format will be a group discussion of current article / news story, led by the faculty instructor.
6. QISE 7113: 1<sup>st</sup> year research rotations (1.5+ cr) – This is a structured independent study course, where students complete short (~ 7 week) rotations with a faculty advisor.
7. QISE 7999: Independent research (1+ cr) – Masters thesis option students will participate in a focused, full-time research experience with a primary faculty advisor starting in their



1<sup>st</sup> summer.

- 8. QISE 8998-8999: Independent research – (1+ cr): Students will participate in focused dissertation research with a faculty advisor. Typically, pre-candidacy students will sign up for QISE-8998 as they are learning research methods and techniques, while post-candidacy students will sign up for QISE-8999 as their research efforts become more focused on their dissertation topic.

Existing courses

Students must complete one course in computational and/or numerical methods, to be selected from a menu of existing courses in the participating departments:

PHY 5810 (4), MATH 6601 (4), CHEM 7470 (1.5), CHEM 7590 (3), ECE 5510 (3), ECE 7011 (3), MSE 6756 (2), CSE 6449 (3)

Students can satisfy their elective requirements by taking approved courses in the participating departments relevant for their specialization in the program. These courses will generally be PHY 6000+, MATSCEN 6000+, ECE 5000+, CHEM 6000+, CSE 5000+, MATH 6000+ and chosen in consultation with the students' advisor.

Specialization	Example electives (# cr)
Quantum Computing	CSE 6429 Advanced Computer Architecture (1-3); ECE 7005 Information Theory (3); MATH 6251 Theory of Probability (4)
Quantum Networking and Communication	ECE 5012 Integrated Optics (3), ECE 6511 Nonlinear Optics (3), CSE 6469 Advanced Studies in Computer networking (1-3); Physics 8820 Special topics: Atomic, molecular and optical physics (3)
Quantum Simulation	MATH 6801 Algebraic Topology (3); MATH 6151 Commutative Algebra (3); PHY 8820 Special Topics: Quantum information theory (3)
Quantum Materials and Sensing	MATSCEN 7835 Point Defects in Crystalline Materials (2); PHY 8806 Topics in Condensed Matter Physics (3); CHEM 6510 Quantum Mechanics and Spectroscopy (1.5)





## Course Syllabi

Included here are syllabi for the three new graduate core courses (QISE 7100, 7101, 7102), as well as syllabi for the new seminar courses (QISE 7111, 7112) and first year research rotations (QISE-7113).

**Syllabus**  
**QISE 7100: Foundations in QISE**

**Autumn 2026**

**FACULTY INSTRUCTOR:**

TBD (email TBD)  
Office: TBD  
Office hours: TBD

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course will focus on the foundational mathematics and physics needed to describe quantum information and related phenomena. This class will ensure students are able to describe quantum systems using linear algebra, more precisely finite dimensional Hilbert spaces and operators, and conversely, describe the physical meaning of a linear algebraic expression.

**Prerequisites:** For graduate students admitted to the QISE program or any QISE related discipline (Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science Engineering, Electrical Engineering, or Materials Science Engineering), there are no prerequisites. All other graduate students must have prior approval of the instructor to enroll in this course.

**COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- A. Describe and apply both mathematically and conceptually the idea of fundamental randomness and its connection to physical states. Describe and apply probability distributions using words, graphical and mathematical-symbolic representations.
- B. Students will be able to describe the relationship between physical properties and linear algebra. In particular, students will be able to:
  - a. describe quantum physical phenomena using linear algebra, and
  - b. conversely, explain the physical meaning of linear algebra expressions.
- C. Describe quantum entangled states conceptually, and represent mathematically. Students will be able to explain how to exploit entanglement for computation
- D. Students will be able to describe quantum protocols for information processing, and explain the advantage compared to classical protocols.

**HOW THIS COURSE WORKS**

**FORMAT OF INSTRUCTION:** In person lectures by the instructor. Pauses will be given during the class period for students to work on exercises along the way.

**MODE OF DELIVERY:** In person

**NUMBER OF CONTACT HOURS PER WEEK:** 3 x 55min classes each week

**CREDIT HOURS AND WORK EXPECTATIONS:** This is a 3-credit-hour course. According to Ohio State policy ([go.osu.edu/credithours](http://go.osu.edu/credithours)), students should expect around 3 hours per week of time spent on

direct instruction (instructor content and Carmen activities, for example) in addition to 6 hours of homework (reading and assignment preparation, for example) to receive a grade of (C) average.

### **COURSE TECHNOLOGY:**

For help with your password, university email, Carmen, or any other technology issues, questions, or requests, contact the Ohio State IT Service Desk. In-person support information is available at <https://it.osu.edu/help>, and support via phone or email is available 24/7.

- **Self-Service and Chat support:** [go.osu.edu/IT](https://go.osu.edu/IT)
- **Phone:** 614-688-4357(HELP)
- **Email:** [servicedesk@osu.edu](mailto:servicedesk@osu.edu)

### BASELINE TECHNICAL SKILLS FOR COURSES

- Basic computer and web browsing skills
- Navigating Carmen: for questions about specific functionality, see the [Canvas Student Guide](#).

### REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

- Nielsen, M. A., & Chuang, I. L. (2001). Quantum computation and quantum information (Vol. 2). Cambridge: Cambridge university press.
  - Chapters covered: 1-2, 5, 9, 11-12
- Instructor notes (to be provided)

### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- Personal computer (laptop): current Mac (OS X) or PC (Windows 7+) with high-speed internet connection.
- Other: a mobile device (smartphone or tablet) or landline to use for BuckeyePass authentication should such a necessity arise

### REQUIRED SOFTWARE

- None

### CARMEN ACCESS

You will need to use [BuckeyePass](#) multi-factor authentication to access your courses in Carmen. To ensure that you are able to connect to Carmen at all times, it is recommended that you take the following steps:

- Register multiple devices in case something happens to your primary device. Visit the [BuckeyePass - Adding a Device](#) help article for step-by-step instructions.
- Request passcodes to keep as a backup authentication option. When you see the Duo login screen on your computer, click **Enter a Passcode** and then click the **Text me new codes** button that appears. This will text you ten passcodes good for 365 days that can each be used once.
- Download the [Duo Mobile application](#) to all of your registered devices for the ability to generate one-time codes in the event that you lose cell, data, or Wi-Fi service.

If none of these options will meet the needs of your situation, you can contact the IT Service Desk at 614-688-4357 (HELP) and IT support staff will work out a solution with you.

### **GRADING**

The grades for the course will be based on homework, exams, and a semester-long project.

**HOMEWORK.** Students will be assigned about 5 written/typed homework problems each week pertaining to the class material. Problems will be taken from the required text and the instructor's

problem sets. Written homework solutions will be due at the beginning of the lecture on which it is due. The assigned problems are a lower bound of what the student is expected to do. Students may work together to solve the problems, but each student is responsible for their own solutions. In particular, students must write up solutions separately, and any copying will be regarded as academic misconduct/plagiarism. Students may use whatever resources they want for their homework, but they must cite all resources.

**EXAMS.** There are two midterms and a final exam. All exams will be delivered in-person. The midterms will cover blocks of the course content as indicated on the syllabus below, while the final exam will be comprehensive.

Midterm 1: TBD, during lecture

Midterm 2: TBD, during lecture

Final exam: TBD, during the period set by the registrar

There will be no makeup exams. A missed exam will count for a zero for that test. (See grading option (2).)

**SEMESTER-LONG PROJECT.** Students will work on a semester-long project whose aim is to look in detail at an area of quantum information science in which the techniques of this class are used extensively.

**Semester-Long Project Components:**

Students will complete a final (at least) 5 page paper (plus citations which can go longer) which discusses an active area of research in quantum information science which uses the material discussed in this course. Students will also give a 10 minute final slide presentation presenting their research and findings along with discussing concrete applications. Both the 5 page paper and the presentation will each contribute 10 percentage points to the final grade.

Topics for the project will be suggested on the Carmen course site with initial sources provided, or students can select their own topic and initial sources with approval by the instructor/teaching assistant at one of the intermediate “touch points” of the project described next.

The project will have major “touch points” to verify that they are keeping on track with the project and undertaking a substantial project. The touch points will only be graded on the basis of meeting deadlines, that is, 1 or 0 points will be awarded for meeting the deadline for said touch point. These touch points will account for only 1 out of 10 percentage points for each of the final paper and final presentation.

The touch points include (feedback will be provided to each student):

End of week 4: A one-paragraph description of their research topic proposal summarizing their topic, together with a minimum of three initial sources.

End of week 8: A one-paragraph summary of their topic which clearly explains its applications in quantum information science.

End of week 12: Final 5 page paper submitted.

**PRESENTATION GRADING RUBRIC:**

Students will work with the instructor to develop a grading rubric for the presentations. Some sample grading considerations will be supplied by the instructor, but the class will agree on 5 main areas which will be assessed for the presentations. Students will also implement their rubric by evaluating each talk. The rubrics, which will not be anonymous to the professor, will be collected and used to assess the final presentation grade. The feedback from the student rubrics will be anonymized and then given to the presenter.

**GRADING.** There are two grading options for each student:

(1)

ASSIGNMENT CATEGORY	PERCENTAGE
HOMEWORK	20
EXAM 1	20
EXAM 2	20
SEMESETER PROJECT PAPER	10
SEMESETER PROJECT PRESENTATION	10
FINAL EXAM	20

(2)

ASSIGNMENT CATEGORY	PERCENTAGE
HOMEWORK	20
HIGHER EXAM	20
SEMESETER PROJECT PAPER	10
SEMESETER PROJECT PRESENTATION	10
FINAL EXAM	40

The instructor will automatically pick the option that results in a higher grade. If a student must miss more than one test for reasons beyond their control, in extremely rare circumstances, with prior consent from the instructor, the final will count for a higher percent of their grade.

The instructor may curve the final distribution to the students' benefit, but the following scale will ensure the following grades:

>93% = A      90-92.99% = A-      87-89.99% = B+      83-86.99% = B      80-82.99% = B-  
 77-79.99% = C+      73-76.99% = C      70-72.99% = C-      67-69.99% = D+      60-  
 66.99% = D  
 <60% = E

**GRADE REVISIONS.** You may request that exams be regraded. This request must be in writing and be turned in by the end of the class or office hour during which your exam was returned. If you leave class or office hours with your exam for any reason, your grade revision request will not be accepted.

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

Week	Date	Class #	Broad Theme	Topic
1	8/24			
	8/26	1	General overview	Stern-Gerlach experiment, complex numbers
	8/28	2	Qubits	Hilbert space, computational basis, vector space geometry, superposition
2	8/31	3	Observables	$M_2(\mathbb{C})$ : operators on a single qubit
	9/2	4	States	State vectors and vector states; Bloch sphere
	9/4	5	Linear algebra 1	Eigenvalues and eigenvectors
3	9/7	NO CLASSES - LABOR DAY		
	9/9	6	Linear algebra 2	Spectral theorem
	9/11	7	Measurement	Born rule, spectral projections
4	9/14	8	Expectation value	Expectation values of random variables; uncertainty principle; commuting variables
	9/16	9	Mutually unbiased bases	mutually unbiased bases; interpretation of Stern Gerlach experiment; polarizers as projectors
	9/18	10	mixed states	classical finite probability spaces; mixed states as ensembles of pure states; density matrices; the trace $\text{Tr}$ on $M_2(\mathbb{C})$
5	9/21	11	quantum state tomography	convex combinations of states; Bloch vectors; tomography
	9/23	12	Entropy 1	Shannon entropy of a finite probability distribution
	9/25	13	Entropy 2	Von Neumann entropy of a mixed state; entropic characterization of pure states
6	9/28	14	Tensor products	the 2-qubit Hilbert space $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$ ; Kronecker product of matrices; computational basis; Bell basis
	9/30	15	Tensor products of operators	Kronecker product of matrices revisited; exchange relation; No cloning theorem
	10/2	16	MIDTERM EXAM 1 (content: Lectures 1-13)	
7	10/5	17	Tensor product states	pure states: entangled vs. product states; singlet state; EPR paradox "spooky action at a distance"

	10/7	18	Measurement	global vs. local measurement; spectral projections and spectral decomposition of a self-adjoint operator
	10/9	19	Local realism	local realism; hidden variable theories; violations of the CHSH inequality
8	10/12	20	Hidden variables	GHZ inequality
	10/14	21	Density matrices	Density matrices in $M_4(\mathbb{C})$ ; product states, separable states, and entangled states
	10/16	NO CLASSES - AUTUMN BREAK		
9	10/19	22	Partial traces	partial traces
	10/21	23	Reduced densities	reduced density matrices
	10/23	24	Von Neumann entropy	quantum state purification
10	10/26	25	Von Neumann entropy	entropic characterization of pure states
	10/28	26	Von Neumann entropy	bipartite entanglement entropy
	10/30	27	Multiple qudit spaces	The n-qubit Hilbert space $\mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$ ; The qudit space and the n-qudit space
11	11/2	28	Graphical calculus 1	graphical calculus for n-qubits; graphical calculus for Bell states
	11/4	29	MIDTERM EXAM 2(content: Lectures 14-26)	
	11/6	30	Graphical calculus 2	graphical calculus for operators; rotation=transpose; zig-zag relation; trace as capping off
12	11/9	31	Graphical calculus 3	quantum circuits
	11/11	NO CLASSES - VETS DAY		
	11/13	32	Graphical calculus 4	graphical calculus for partial traces
13	11/16	33	Quantum teleportation	quantum teleportation protocol
	11/18	34	Superdense coding	superdense coding protocol
	11/20	35	Quantum teleportation and superdense coding	connection between QT and SDC
14	11/23	36	Quantum key distribution 1	BB84 protocol
	11/25	NO CLASSES - THANKSGIVING		

	11/27		
15	11/30	37	QKD 2   E91 protocol
	12/2	38	REVIEW DAY
	12/4	39	Final project presentations
16	12/7	40	Final project presentations
	12/9	41	Final project presentations
	TBD		COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM

## OTHER COURSE POLICIES

### INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY

From <http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/academics/current-students/advising/policies>

An 'I' indicates that a student has completed a major portion of the work in the course in a satisfactory manner, but for reasons judged by the instructor to be legitimate, a portion of the course requirements remains to be completed. If illness or an emergency prevents you from finishing a course, you may request an 'Incomplete' from the instructor. When you receive this grade, you must consult with the instructor as soon as possible to make arrangements for completing the course requirements. Incomplete work must be completed no later than the sixth week of the following semester. If the work is not made up by the due date, the 'I' mark will be changed to the alternate grade the instructor reported.

### ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT POLICY

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term "academic misconduct" includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee ([Faculty Rule 3335-5-48.7 \(B\)](#)). For additional information, see the [Code of Student Conduct](#).

### STATEMENT ABOUT DISABILITY SERVICES

The university strives to maintain a healthy and accessible environment to support student learning in and out of the classroom. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic, or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion.

If you are ill and need to miss class, including if you are staying home and away from others while experiencing symptoms of a viral infection or fever, please let me know immediately. In cases where illness interacts with an underlying medical condition, please consult with Student Life Disability



Services to request reasonable accommodations. You can connect with them at [slds@osu.edu](mailto:slds@osu.edu); 614-292-3307; or [slds.osu.edu](http://slds.osu.edu).

### **STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS**

Ohio State has had a longstanding practice of making reasonable academic accommodations for students' religious beliefs and practices in accordance with applicable law. In 2023, Ohio State updated its practice to align with new state legislation. Under this new provision, students must be in early communication with their instructors regarding any known accommodation requests for religious beliefs and practices, providing notice of specific dates for which they request alternative accommodations within 14 days after the first instructional day of the course. Instructors in turn shall not question the sincerity of a student's religious or spiritual belief system in reviewing such requests and shall keep requests for accommodations confidential.

With sufficient notice, instructors will provide students with reasonable alternative accommodations with regard to examinations and other academic requirements with respect to students' sincerely held religious beliefs and practices by allowing up to three absences each semester for the student to attend or participate in religious activities. Examples of religious accommodations can include, but are not limited to, rescheduling an exam, altering the time of a student's presentation, allowing make-up assignments to substitute for missed class work, or flexibility in due dates or research responsibilities. If concerns arise about a requested accommodation, instructors are to consult their tenure initiating unit head for assistance.

A student's request for time off shall be provided if the student's sincerely held religious belief or practice severely affects the student's ability to take an exam or meet an academic requirement and the student has notified their instructor, in writing during the first 14 days after the course begins, of the date of each absence. Although students are required to provide notice within the first 14 days after a course begins, instructors are strongly encouraged to work with the student to provide a reasonable accommodation if a request is made outside the notice period. A student may not be penalized for an absence approved under this policy.

If students have questions or disputes related to academic accommodations, they should contact their course instructor, and then their department or college office. For questions or to report discrimination or harassment based on religion, individuals should contact the [Office of Institutional Equity](#). (Policy: [Religious Holidays, Holy Days and Observances](#)).

### **MENTAL HEALTH STATEMENT**

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**Syllabus**  
**QISE 7101: Quantum Circuits and Algorithms**

**Spring 2027**

**FACULTY INSTRUCTOR:**

TBD (email TBD)  
Office: TBD  
Office hours: TBD

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** “Quantum Circuits and Algorithms” is designed to provide students with a broad introduction to quantum computing. Using various tools such as IBM Quantum Composer and QISKIT, students will learn and visualize quantum computing concepts, and compare them with classical computing models. This will enable the comparison of quantum algorithms and their advantages over corresponding classical algorithms. Students will also understand research papers in the field and explain these concepts to the class as a team.

**Prerequisites:** For graduate students admitted to the QISE program or any QISE related discipline (Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science Engineering, Electrical Engineering, or Materials Science Engineering), there are no prerequisites. All other graduate and undergraduate students must have prior approval of the instructor to enroll in this course.

**COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

By the end of this course, students should successfully be able to:

- Explain how qubits are structured and how they differ from classical bits.
- Develop quantum circuits and distinguish them from classical digital circuits.
- Explain how a quantum algorithm has an advantage over a classical algorithm.
- Explain and distinguish different approaches to error correction.
- Be able to use analytical and computational methods (e.g., Python, Qiskit, IBM Composer) to solve quantum computing problems.
- Be able to describe and explain peer-reviewed research papers related to quantum computing to peers with different disciplinary backgrounds.
- Productively engage in interdisciplinary teams to learn course content and contribute to interdisciplinary research projects.

## HOW THIS COURSE WORKS

**FORMAT OF INSTRUCTION:** In person lectures by the instructor. Pauses will be given during the class period for students to work on exercises along the way.

**MODE OF DELIVERY:** In person

**NUMBER OF CONTACT HOURS PER WEEK:** 3 x 55 min classes each week

**CREDIT HOURS AND WORK EXPECTATIONS:** This is a 3-credit-hour course. According to Ohio State policy ([go.osu.edu/credithours](http://go.osu.edu/credithours)), students should expect around 3 hours per week of time spent on direct instruction (instructor content and Carmen activities, for example) in addition to 6 hours of homework (reading and assignment preparation, for example) to receive a grade of (C) average.

**Pace of activities:** This course is divided into **weekly modules** that are released one week ahead of time. Students are expected to keep pace with weekly deadlines but may schedule their efforts freely within that time frame.

**Attendance and participation requirements:** Research shows regular participation is one of the highest predictors of success. With that in mind, I have the following expectations for everyone's participation:

- **Participating in in-class activities for attendance: at least 1 – 2 per week**  
You are expected to attend class because there will be in-class activities interleaved with lectures. These in-class activities could be paper-based or could require you to log into a computer and write code. You are encouraged to work with your peers to complete these activities. However, you are required to submit your own work for every in-class assignment.
- **Weekly Reflections: once a week** You are required to post weekly reflections about your experience and engagement with the course materials on Carmen. The general prompts for reflection centers around what worked for you and what are some concepts of the course that you found challenging. There could be weeks when I might have reflection prompts specific to the content from that week.

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#### BASELINE TECHNICAL SKILLS FOR COURSES

- Basic computer and web browsing skills
- Navigating Carmen: for questions about specific functionality, see the [Canvas Student Guide](#).

#### REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

- Nielsen, M. A., & Chuang, I. L. (2001). Quantum computation and quantum information (Vol. 2). Cambridge: Cambridge university press.
  - Chapters covered: 3-4, 6, 10

#### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- Personal computer (laptop): current Mac (OS X) or PC (Windows 7+) with high-speed internet connection.
- Other: a mobile device (smartphone or tablet) or landline to use for BuckeyePass authentication should such a necessity arise

#### REQUIRED SOFTWARE

- **IBM Composer:** <https://quantum.ibm.com/composer/files/new>
- **Qiskit:** <https://www.ibm.com/quantum/qiskit>

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#### GRADING:

Your grade will be calculated based on the following course components:

Assignment Category
In-class activities (1-2 per week) – 25%
Homework – 25%
Weekly Reflections – 10%
Final Research Project (multiple components) – 40%

### In-Class Activities

**Description:** This course adopts active learning in the class. Students will engage with at least 1 – 2 in-class activities per week in the class. These activities could be paper-based or could involve writing code on the computer. These activities can be done in collaboration with other students, but each student is required to submit their own work. Students with a valid excused absence can make arrangements with the instructor for make up activities.

### Homework

**Description:** Homework assignments will be like the in-class activities and will be given to make sure that the students understand the concepts covered in the class. Homework can be done in collaboration with other students, but each student is required to submit their own work. Please view the academic integrity policy for more details.

### Weekly Reflections

**Description:** You are required to post short (100 word) weekly reflections about your experience and engagement with the course materials on carmen. The general prompts for reflection center around what worked for you and what are some concepts of the course that you found challenging. There could be weeks when I might have reflection prompts specific to the content from that week. These are graded for completion only.

### Final Research Project

**Description:** For the research project, students will work in teams (~ 3 students), and will be graded on the team result as well as their individual contributions. First, the team will find a research paper related to the quantum computing concepts they have studied in the class. They are then required to understand the paper and create a didactic presentation to be presented to the class. Peer review of the presentation for clarity and accessibility across disciplines will be a component of the grade for this part of the project. Students will also be graded on their individual contributions to a written report (~ 20 pages in length) comprising multiple sections including an introduction with background material and

literature review, a results section focused on the selected paper, and a discussion section putting the results in context and outlining possible future steps. Division of tasks will be documented as part of the report appendix.

**Academic integrity and collaboration:** Your assignments should be your own original work. However, you are encouraged to have discussions with the instructor and peers about all the assignments. For example, if you are stuck on a step in a homework problem, you are free to discuss with your peers, but the final worked solution should be your own.

#### Late Assignments

Please refer to Carmen for due dates. Due dates are set to help you stay on pace and to allow timely feedback that will help you complete subsequent assignments. However, in certain instances where documented excuse is presented, the deadlines may be extended at the discretion of the instructor.

The following scale will ensure the following grades:

>93% = A  
90-92.99% = A-  
87-89.99% = B+  
83-86.99% = B  
80-82.99% = B-  
77-79.99% = C+  
73-76.99% = C  
70-72.99% = C-  
67-69.99% = D+  
60-66.99% = D  
<60% = E

**COURSE SCHEDULE**

Week	Date	Class #	Broad Theme	Topic
1	01/11/27	1	Course introduction and fundamentals	Overview
	01/13/27	2		Numbering systems - binary and others
	01/15/27	3		Classical Logic and Gates
2	01/18/27	MLK day	Review: quantum state mathematics	Vectors and complex numbers
	01/20/27	4		Superpositions
	01/22/27	5		Probabilistic interpretation
3	01/25/27	6	quantum gates I	Measurements of quantum states
	01/27/27	7		quantum logic and gates
	01/29/27	8		reversible/irreversible quantum gates and operations
4	02/01/27	9	quantum gates II	matrix representation of quantum gates
	02/03/27	10		discussions: select project team for final project
	02/05/27	11		
5	02/08/27	12	Entanglement	multiple qubit systems
	02/10/27	13		entangled states I
	02/12/27	14		entangled states II
6	02/15/27	15	applications of entanglement	quantum teleportation
	02/17/27	16		superdense coding
	02/19/27	17		discussions: teams select topic for final project
7	02/22/27	18	quantum information processing	examples: no cloning, quantum key distribution, sensing
	02/24/27	19		universal computing (Turing thesis)
	02/26/27	20		computational complexity
8	03/01/27	21	quantum algorithms I	Deutsch-Josza ; Grover, Shor
	03/03/27	22		
	03/05/27	23		
9	03/08/27	24	quantum algorithms II	discussions: teams report out on the final project progress
	03/10/27	25		
	03/12/27	26		
10	03/15/27	NO CLASSES - SPRING BREAK		
	03/17/27			
	03/19/27			



11	03/22/27	27	noisy qubits	noisy quantum states and noise modeling
	03/24/27	28		NISQ quantum computing
	03/26/27	29		
12	03/29/27	30	quantum error correction	error correction methods and fault tolerant computing
	03/31/27	31		
	04/02/27	32		
13	04/05/27	33		what is the future of the field?
	04/07/27	34		course review
	04/09/27	35		~discussions: teams report out on the final project progress
14	04/12/27	36	Final project presentations	
	04/14/27	37		
	04/16/27	38		
15	04/19/27	39		
	04/21/27	40		
	04/23/27	41		
16	04/26/27	42		

## OTHER COURSE POLICIES

### INCOMPLETE GRADE POLICY

From <http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/academics/current-students/advising/policies>

An 'I' indicates that a student has completed a major portion of the work in the course in a satisfactory manner, but for reasons judged by the instructor to be legitimate, a portion of the course requirements remains to be completed. If illness or an emergency prevents you from finishing a course, you may request an 'Incomplete' from the instructor. When you receive this grade, you must consult with the instructor as soon as possible to make arrangements for completing the course requirements. Incomplete work must be completed no later than the sixth week of the following semester. If the work is not made up by the due date, the 'I' mark will be changed to the alternate grade the instructor reported.

### ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT POLICY

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term "academic misconduct" includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee ([Faculty Rule 3335-5-48.7 \(B\)](#)). For additional information, see the [Code of Student Conduct](#).

### STATEMENT ABOUT DISABILITY SERVICES

The university strives to maintain a healthy and accessible environment to support student learning in and out of the classroom. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability

(including mental health, chronic, or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion.

If you are ill and need to miss class, including if you are staying home and away from others while experiencing symptoms of a viral infection or fever, please let me know immediately. In cases where illness interacts with an underlying medical condition, please consult with Student Life Disability Services to request reasonable accommodations. You can connect with them at [slds@osu.edu](mailto:slds@osu.edu); 614-292-3307; or [slds.osu.edu](http://slds.osu.edu).

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With sufficient notice, instructors will provide students with reasonable alternative accommodations with regard to examinations and other academic requirements with respect to students' sincerely held religious beliefs and practices by allowing up to three absences each semester for the student to attend or participate in religious activities. Examples of religious accommodations can include, but are not limited to, rescheduling an exam, altering the time of a student's presentation, allowing make-up assignments to substitute for missed class work, or flexibility in due dates or research responsibilities. If concerns arise about a requested accommodation, instructors are to consult their tenure initiating unit head for assistance.

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**Syllabus**  
**QISE 7102: Grand Challenges in Quantum Information Science and Engineering**  
**Spring 2027**

**FACULTY INSTRUCTOR:**

**TBD** (email TBD)  
Office: TBD  
Office hours: TBD

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course will focus on grand challenges toward realizing quantum computers, including scalable multi-qubit entanglement, long-distance networking, error correction and algorithms.

Prerequisites: For graduate students admitted to the QISE program or any QISE related discipline (Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science Engineering, Electrical Engineering, or Materials Science Engineering), there are no prerequisites. All other graduate and undergraduate students must have prior approval of the instructor to enroll in this course.

**COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- A. Explain the purpose and functionality of different architectures for quantum computing, networking and sensing
- B. Explain how quantum superpositions are achieved in several physical platforms
- C. Compare and contrast physical platforms for different quantum tasks: computing, networking, sensing, storage, error correction

**FORMAT OF INSTRUCTION:** In person lectures by the instructor. Pauses will be given during the class period for students to work on exercises along the way.

**MODE OF DELIVERY:** In person

**NUMBER OF CONTACT HOURS PER WEEK:** 3 hours, meaning 3 x 55min classes each week

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**BASELINE TECHNICAL SKILLS FOR COURSES**

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**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

- "Building Quantum Computers" by Majidy, Wilson and Laflamme, Cambridge University Press 2024

## REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

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## GRADING

The grades for the course will be based on homework, exams, and a semester-long project.

**HOMEWORK.** Students will be assigned homework problems each week pertaining to the class material. Homework will be due at the beginning of the lecture on which it is due. The assigned problems are a lower bound of what the student is expected to do. Students may work together to solve the problems, but each student is responsible for their own solutions. In particular, students must write up solutions separately, and any copying will be regarded as academic misconduct/plagiarism. Students may use whatever resources they want for their homework, but they must cite all resources.

**EXAMS.** There are two midterms and a final exam. All exams will be delivered in-person. The midterms will cover blocks of the course content as indicated on the syllabus below, while the final exam will be comprehensive.

Midterm 1: TBD, during lecture

Midterm 2: TBD, during lecture

Final exam: TBD, during the period set by the registrar

There will be no makeup exams. A missed exam will count for a zero for that test. (See grading option (2).)

**SEMESTER-LONG PROJECT.** Students will work on a semester-long project whose aim is to look in detail at an area of quantum information science in which the techniques of this class are used extensively.

### **Semester-Long Project Components:**

Students will complete a final (at least) 5 page paper (plus citations which can go longer) which discusses an active area of research in quantum information science which uses the material discussed in this course. Students will also give a 10 minute final slide presentation presenting their research and findings along with discussing concrete applications. Both the 5 page paper and the presentation will each contribute 10 percentage points to the final grade.

Topics for the project will be suggested on the Carmen course site with initial sources provided, or students can select their own topic and initial sources with approval by the instructor/teaching assistant at one of the intermediate “touch points” of the project described next.

The project will have major “touch points” to verify that they are keeping on track with the project and undertaking a substantial project. The touch points will only be graded on the basis of meeting deadlines, that is, 1 or 0 points will be awarded for meeting the deadline for said touch point. These touch points will account for only 1 out of 10 percentage points for each of the final paper and final presentation paper.

The touch points include (feedback will be provided to each student):

End of week 4: A one-paragraph description of their research topic proposal summarizing their topic, together with a minimum of three initial sources.

End of week 8: A one-paragraph summary of their topic which clearly explains its applications in quantum information science.

End of week 12: Final 5 page paper submitted.

**PRESENTATION GRADING RUBRIC:**

Students will work with the instructor to develop a grading rubric for the presentations. Some sample grading considerations will be supplied by the instructor, but the class will agree on 5 main areas which will be assessed for the presentations. Students will also implement their rubric by evaluating each talk. The rubrics, which will not be anonymous to the professor, will be collected and used to assess the final presentation grade. The feedback from the student rubrics will be anonymized and then given to the presenter.

**GRADING.** There are two grading options for each student:

(1)

ASSIGNMENT CATEGORY	PERCENTAGE
HOMEWORK	20
EXAM 1	20
EXAM 2	20
SEMSETER PROJECT PAPER	10
SEMSETER PROJECT PRESENTATION	10
FINAL EXAM	20

(2)

ASSIGNMENT CATEGORY	PERCENTAGE
HOMEWORK	20
HIGHER EXAM	20
SEMSETER PROJECT PAPER	10
SEMSETER PROJECT PRESENTATION	10
FINAL EXAM	40

The instructor will automatically pick the option that results in a higher grade. If a student must miss more than one test for reasons beyond their control, in extremely rare circumstances, with prior consent from the instructor, the final will count for a higher percent of their grade.

The instructor may curve the final distribution to the students’ benefit, but the following scale will ensure the following grades:

>93% = A      90-92.99% = A-   87-89.99% = B+   83-86.99% = B   80-82.99% = B-  
 77-79.99% = C+   73-76.99% = C   70-72.99% = C-   67-69.99% = D+   60-66.99% = D  
 <60% = E

**GRADE REVISIONS.** You may request that exams be regraded. This request must be in writing and be turned in by the end of the class or office hour during which your exam was returned. If you leave class or office hours with your exam for any reason, your grade revision request will not be accepted.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Class #	Broad Theme	Topic
1	1/11/2027	1	Requirements for quantum computing	Scalability
	1/13/2027	2		Universal Logic
	1/15/2027	3		Correctability
2	1/18/2027	MLK day	NMR	Bloch sphere, qubit rotations
	1/20/2027	4		Spin manipulation in magnetic field
	1/22/2027	5		Spin-echoes, Ramsey sequences
3	1/25/2027	6	Spin qubits (NV centers in diamond)	Two-qubit gate via spin-spin interactions
	1/27/2027	7		2D electron gas, single dot spectroscopy, quantum dots, defect centers
	1/29/2027	8		electron-nuclear coupling, spin-photon entanglement
4	2/1/2027	9	Photons	Optical modes: waves vs photons, Fock states
	2/3/2027	10		Beamsplitters, single photon detectors
	2/5/2027	11		Long distance networking
5	2/8/2027	12	Trapped ions	Paul trap, Cooling ions in a trap
	2/10/2027	13		atom-photon entanglement
	2/12/2027	14		Geometric phase gates
6	2/15/2027	15	MIDTERM EXAM 1 (content: Lectures 1-11)	
	2/17/2027	16	Superconducting qubits	Superconductivity, Josephson junctions
2/19/2027	17	Transmon qubits, flux qubits, and phase qubits		
7	2/22/2027	18		Circuit QED
	2/24/2027	19		Superconducting Circuits
	2/26/2027	20		microwave-optical transduction
8	3/1/2027	21	Neutral atom qubits	Atomic levels, hyperfine qubits, nuclear-spin qubits
	3/3/2027	22		Laser cooling, magneto-optical traps, optical tweezers
	3/5/2027	23		Rydberg interactions/gates
9	3/8/2027	24	pros/cons	DiVincenzo's criteria, requirements for gate-based QC, measurement-based QC, and adiabatic QC
	3/10/2027	25		Study/comparison of leading platforms for quantum computing
	3/12/2027	26		Requirements for long-distance quantum networking
10	3/15/2027	NO CLASSES - SPRING BREAK		
	3/17/2027			

	3/19/2027			
11	3/22/2027	27	pros/cons	Study/comparison of leading platforms for quantum networking
	3/24/2027	28		Introduction to and requirements for quantum sensing
	3/26/2027	29		Study/comparison of leading platforms for quantum sensing
12	3/29/2027	30	MIDTERM EXAM 2 (Lectures 12-23)	
	3/31/2027	31	noisy intermediate scale quantum systems	Definition of NISQ
	4/2/2027	32		Early use cases of quantum computers
13	4/5/2027	33		Quantum advantage experiments
	4/7/2027	34	error correction schemes and implementation	Logical qubits
	4/9/2027	35		Error-correcting codes
14	4/12/2027	36		Physical implementations
	4/14/2027	37	guest speakers: national labs, industry, startups	
	4/16/2027	38		
15	4/19/2027	39	Final Project presentations	
	4/21/2027	40	Final Project presentations	
	4/23/2027	41	Final Project presentations	
16	4/26/2027	42	Review	
	TBD		COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM	

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From <http://artsandsciences.osu.edu/academics/current-students/advising/policies>

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**QISE 7111: Current research in Quantum Information Science and Engineering**  
**Autumn 2026**

**FACULTY INSTRUCTOR:**

TBD (email TBD)  
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Office hours: TBD

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This student-led seminar-style course will meet once weekly during the term, and will feature regular presentations by students on journal articles of current interest. Students will gain experience in presenting and discussing technical content to a multi-disciplinary audience. These discussions will be facilitated by a rotating team of faculty, chosen for disciplinary overlap with the weeks' selection.

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**COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

Students will be able to describe the current frontiers in the field of QISE by selecting, reading, discussing and presenting recent research papers. Students will be able to effectively use various literature searching tools such as Google Scholar, Web of Science, ARXIV and other indices. Students will be able to describe and explain the utility of journal reputation, citation counts and other metrics to assess novelty and impact of research papers. Students will be able to prepare and effectively present technical content in their selected papers to a multi-disciplinary audience.

**HOW THIS COURSE WORKS**

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**EXAMS.** None

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	9/9		Paper presentations
	9/11	3	
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	9/16		
	9/18	4	
5	9/21		Paper presentations
	9/23		
	9/25	5	
6	9/28		Paper presentations
	9/30		
	10/2	6	
7	10/5		Paper presentations
	10/7		
	10/9	7	
8	10/12		NO CLASSES - AUTUMN BREAK
	10/14		
	10/16		
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	10/21		
	10/23	8	
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	10/28		
	10/30	9	
11	11/2		Paper presentations
	11/4		
	11/6	10	
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	11/11		
	11/13	11	
13	11/16		Paper presentations
	11/18		
	11/20	12	
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	11/25		

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**Syllabus**  
**QISE 7112: Professional Seminar in Quantum Information Science and Engineering**  
**Autumn 2026**

**FACULTY INSTRUCTOR:**

TBD (email TBD)  
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Office hours: TBD

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This seminar-style course will feature weekly instructor-facilitated discussion meetings about a selected reading, and/or aspects of professional development. Participating faculty in the quantum graduate program will present short talks to introduce students to different research in quantum information science and engineering. Other activities will include discussions on ethical questions posed by quantum computing and information, discussions of quantum startups and the rapidly developing quantum ecosystem, and general professional skills needed to compete for jobs in QISE.

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**COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

Students will learn general skills for navigating graduate school, including identifying a field of study, finding a research advisor, and developing a plan for funding their PhD. Students will be able to describe examples of interdisciplinary research presented in the course. Students will develop and explain an initial Individual Development Plan for their career goals, and describe examples of post-graduate career paths in academia, industry and government/non-profit sectors. Through participation in course discussions, students will be able to explain and describe potential impacts of quantum technologies on society (including ethical issues), national security and industry.

**HOW THIS COURSE WORKS**

**FORMAT OF INSTRUCTION:** Weekly presentations and discussions, including: faculty presentations on current research opportunities, ethics training (e.g., NSF RCR), professional networking (conferences, internships, profiles), landscape for quantum startup companies, explanation of progression through the program.

**MODE OF DELIVERY:** In person

**NUMBER OF CONTACT HOURS PER WEEK:** 1 x 55min class each week

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	9/2		
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	9/9		Overview of post-graduate paths in QISE: academia, national lab, startups, large companies
	9/11	3	
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	9/16		
	9/18	4	
5	9/21		Overview of quantum technologies: quantum key distribution, quantum computer
	9/23		
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6	9/28		Impacts of quantum technologies on society; research presentation
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	11/13	11	Role of AI in research: literature searching, writing
13	11/16		OSU Alumni talks: pathways post-graduation

	11/18		
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## Syllabus

### QISE 7113: 1<sup>st</sup> year Research Rotations in Quantum Information Science and Engineering Autumn 2026

#### FACULTY INSTRUCTOR:

Research supervisor chosen by student (email TBD)

Office: TBD

Office hours: TBD

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This is an independent study style course where students learn research techniques through a 7 week experience with one of the faculty advisors in the new quantum interdisciplinary graduate program (QuGIP). Students may perform computational, theoretical or experimental work relevant to QISE depending on their choice of rotation supervisor.

Prerequisites: Permission of instructor.

#### COURSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

Students will be able to describe and apply research methods, including general tools (e.g. literature searching, scientific ethics, notebooks) and specific tools (e.g., code, characterization equipment, sample synthesis, relevant safety training) to a problem in one area of quantum information science and engineering. Students will be able to prepare and effectively present their research experience and results through an end-of-term oral presentation summarizing their experience and work done.

#### HOW THIS COURSE WORKS

**FORMAT OF INSTRUCTION:** variable depending on research supervisor, but may include laboratory work, theoretical calculations or computational work. An end of session presentation on the research experience is required.

**MODE OF DELIVERY:** In person

**NUMBER OF CONTACT HOURS PER WEEK:** n/a

**CREDIT HOURS AND WORK EXPECTATIONS: 3x credits:** This is a variable credit course, built from 1.5-credit hour increments for the 7 week term. According to Ohio State policy ([go.osu.edu/credithours](http://go.osu.edu/credithours)), students should expect around 6 hours per week of work per credit hour for a 7-week course. For research rotations, this translates to about 9 hours per week during the rotation. Activities will vary depending on the research supervisor, but will generally include time spent learning methods and attending group meetings.

#### COURSE TECHNOLOGY:

For help with your password, university email, Carmen, or any other technology issues, questions, or requests, contact the Ohio State IT Service Desk. In-person support information is available at <https://it.osu.edu/help>, and support via phone or email is available 24/7.

- **Self-Service and Chat support:** [go.osu.edu/IT](https://go.osu.edu/IT)
- **Phone:** 614-688-4357(HELP)
- **Email:** [servicedesk@osu.edu](mailto:servicedesk@osu.edu)

#### BASELINE TECHNICAL SKILLS FOR COURSES

- Basic computer and web browsing skills
- Navigating Carmen: for questions about specific functionality, see the [Canvas Student Guide](#).

#### REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

- None

#### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

- Personal computer (laptop): current Mac (OS X) or PC (Windows 7+) with high-speed internet connection recommended but not required.
- Other: a mobile device (smartphone or tablet) or landline to use for BuckeyePass authentication should such a necessity arise

#### REQUIRED SOFTWARE

- Software to be used will depend on the particular rotation research group. Examples include CrystalMaker, Origin, MATLAB, COMSOL, LABVIEW, and Mathematica.

#### CARMEN ACCESS

You will need to use [BuckeyePass](#) multi-factor authentication to access your courses in Carmen. To ensure that you are able to connect to Carmen at all times, it is recommended that you take the following steps:

- Register multiple devices in case something happens to your primary device. Visit the [BuckeyePass - Adding a Device](#) help article for step-by-step instructions.
- Request passcodes to keep as a backup authentication option. When you see the Duo login screen on your computer, click **Enter a Passcode** and then click the **Text me new codes** button that appears. This will text you ten passcodes good for 365 days that can each be used once.
- Download the [Duo Mobile application](#) to all of your registered devices for the ability to generate one-time codes in the event that you lose cell, data, or Wi-Fi service.

If none of these options will meet the needs of your situation, you can contact the IT Service Desk at 614-688-4357 (HELP) and IT support staff will work out a solution with you.

#### GRADING

The course will be graded on the 'Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory' basis. A Satisfactory grade will reflect 1) consistent participation in research, including attendance at group and project meetings, completion of assigned tasks and required trainings and 2) a satisfactory end-of-term presentation, including appropriate introduction, methods and results sections. The research supervisor will be tasked with assessing both grade components. A satisfactory assessment is required in both components to pass the course.

**EXAMS.** None



## COURSE SCHEDULE

Week	Date	Class #	Topic
1	8/24		<b>Begin Rotation - Session 1</b>
	8/26		
	8/28		
2	8/31		
	9/2		
	9/4		
3	9/7		NO CLASSES - LABOR DAY
	9/9		
	9/11		
4	9/14		
	9/16		
	9/18		
5	9/21		
	9/23		
	9/25		
6	9/28		
	9/30		
	10/2		
7	10/5		
	10/7		
	10/9		
8	10/12		
	10/14		<b>Session 1 research presentations</b>
	10/16		
9	10/19		<b>Begin Rotation - Session 2</b>
	10/21		
	10/23		
10	10/26		
	10/28		
	10/30		
11	11/2		
	11/4		
	11/6		
12	11/9		
	11/11		
	11/13		

13	11/16		
	11/18		
	11/20		
14	11/23		
	11/25	NO CLASSES - THANKSGIVING	
	11/27		
15	11/30		
	12/2		
	12/4		
16	12/7		
	12/9		
	12/11		Session 2 research presentations

## OTHER COURSE POLICIES

### ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT POLICY

It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee ([Faculty Rule 3335-5-48.7 \(B\)](#)). For additional information, see the [Code of Student Conduct](#).

### STATEMENT ABOUT DISABILITY SERVICES

The university strives to maintain a healthy and accessible environment to support student learning in and out of the classroom. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic, or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. To establish reasonable accommodations, I may request that you register with Student Life Disability Services. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion.

If you are ill and need to miss class, including if you are staying home and away from others while experiencing symptoms of a viral infection or fever, please let me know immediately. In cases where illness interacts with an underlying medical condition, please consult with Student Life Disability Services to request reasonable accommodations. You can connect with them at [slds@osu.edu](mailto:slds@osu.edu); 614-292-3307; or [slds.osu.edu](http://slds.osu.edu).

### STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS ACCOMMODATIONS

Ohio State has had a longstanding practice of making reasonable academic accommodations for students' religious beliefs and practices in accordance with applicable law. In 2023, Ohio State updated its practice to align with new state legislation. Under this new provision, students must be in early communication with their instructors regarding any known accommodation requests for

religious beliefs and practices, providing notice of specific dates for which they request alternative accommodations within 14 days after the first instructional day of the course. Instructors in turn shall not question the sincerity of a student's religious or spiritual belief system in reviewing such requests and shall keep requests for accommodations confidential.

With sufficient notice, instructors will provide students with reasonable alternative accommodations with regard to examinations and other academic requirements with respect to students' sincerely held religious beliefs and practices by allowing up to three absences each semester for the student to attend or participate in religious activities. Examples of religious accommodations can include, but are not limited to, rescheduling an exam, altering the time of a student's presentation, allowing make-up assignments to substitute for missed class work, or flexibility in due dates or research responsibilities. If concerns arise about a requested accommodation, instructors are to consult their tenure initiating unit head for assistance.

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If students have questions or disputes related to academic accommodations, they should contact their course instructor, and then their department or college office. For questions or to report discrimination or harassment based on religion, individuals should contact the [Office of Institutional Equity](#). (Policy: [Religious Holidays, Holy Days and Observances](#)).

### **MENTAL HEALTH STATEMENT**

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning, such as strained relationships, increased anxiety, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, difficulty concentrating and/or lack of motivation. These mental health concerns or stressful events may lead to diminished academic performance or reduce a student's ability to participate in daily activities. The Ohio State University offers services to assist you with addressing these and other concerns you may be experiencing. If you or someone you know are suffering from any of the aforementioned conditions, you can learn more about the broad range of confidential mental health services available on campus via the Office of Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service (CCS) by visiting [ccs.osu.edu](https://ccs.osu.edu) or calling [614-292-5766](tel:614-292-5766). CCS is located on the 4th Floor of the Younk Success Center and 10th Floor of Lincoln Tower. You can reach an on call counselor when CCS is closed at [614-292-5766](tel:614-292-5766) and 24 hour emergency help is also available 24/7 by dialing **988 to reach the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline**.

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**QuGIP MS Graduate Student Advising Form**

**Student Name Last, First:**

**Specialization:**

**MS option pursued (A = course focused, B= thesis focused)**

course #	title	Required credits		Earned credits
		Opt A	Opt B	
QISE 7100	Foundations in QISE	4	4	
QISE 7101	Quantum Circuits and Algorithms	4	4	
QISE 7102	Grand Challenges in QISE	3	3	
Course taken:	Computational/Numerical Methods	1+	1+	
QISE 7111	Journal club	2	2+	
QISE 7112	Professional Development Seminar	2	2	
QISE 7113 rotation 1 advisor:		3	3	
QISE 7113 rotation 2 advisor:		3	3	
QISE 7113 rotation 3 advisor:		3	3	
Specialization elective course taken:		1+	1+	
QISE-7999 thesis research		0	10+	
Other course taken:		0	0	
Other course taken:		0	0	
Total		30+	30+	

**Summer research project or internship (if applicable):**

**Project title:**

**Supervisor:**

**If you anticipate extending past the one year Fellowship period, please indicate your anticipated source of support (other Fellowship, GRA/GTA, grant # (if GRA), advisor):**

**Is there anything you'd like to discuss during your academic advising meeting?**

**To be completed by academic advisor:**

**Academic advising meeting date:**

**Academic advising meeting notes:**



**PhD Graduate Student Advising Form: Pre-candidacy**

**Student Name Last, First:**

**Specialization:**

<b>course #</b>	<b>title</b>	<b>Required credits</b>	<b>Earned credits</b>
QISE 7100	Foundations in QISE	4	
QISE 7101	Quantum Circuits and Algorithms	4	
QISE 7102	Grand Challenges in QISE	3	
Course taken:	Computational/Numerical Methods	1+	
QISE 7111	Journal club	2+	
QISE 7112	Professional Development Seminar	2	
QISE 7113 rotation 1 advisor:		3+	
QISE 7113 rotation 2 advisor:		3+	
QISE 7113 rotation 3 advisor:		3+	
<b>Total</b>		<b>15+</b>	
Specialization elective course 1 taken:		1+	
Specialization elective course 2 taken:		1+	
<b>Total</b>		<b>4+</b>	
QISE-7999 dissertation research		30+	
Other course taken:		0	
Other course taken:		0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>80+</b>	

**Summer research project or internship (if applicable):**

**Project title:**

**Please indicate your anticipated source of support starting in Autumn semester (other Fellowship, GRA/GTA, grant # (if GRA), advisor):**

**When do you anticipate taking the candidacy exam? (discuss with advisor)**

**Is there anything you'd like to discuss during your academic advising meeting?**

**To be completed by academic advisor:**

**Academic advising meeting date:**

**Academic advising meeting notes:**

Post Candidacy Graduate Student Annual Review Form for Ph.D. Progress

Student Name Last, First:

Semester & Year Began Program:

Semester & year started in Research Group:

Advising Committee Members LAST Names:

From your Advising Report: **Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Credit hours earned \_\_\_\_\_ of 80 required for PhD**

1. **Dissertation topic or title (Can be updated after meeting with advisor and/or committee.):**
  
2. **Semester and year you plan to graduate (examples: Autumn 2026, Spring 2027):**
  
3. **What are your career goals post Ph.D.? (This should include what kind of position and/or career path you would like to have.)**
  
4. **What are you doing to prepare for your career goal?**
  
5. **Activities completed & milestones accomplished over last year:**  
  
Attended Group Meetings: Y/N or N/A if only meet with advisor.      If Yes, how frequently:  
Met regularly with advisor: Y/N  
Publications: contributed to paper(s) Y/N      Number:  
Publications: 1<sup>st</sup> author on paper(s): Y/N      Number:  
Attended conference/workshop: Y/N      Details:  
Completed internship experience: Y/N      Details:  
(if N, what opportunities have you identified?)

Presented a talk/poster: Y/N      Details:

Received scholarship or award: Y/N      Details:

Gave internal research talk: Y/N

Took advanced course: Y/N      Name or course topic:

Mentored an undergraduate or 1<sup>st</sup> year graduate student: Y/N

Served on department, college or university committee(s):

6. **Financial Support** -Options for financial support: GRA; Advisor to request GTA; Fellowship; Graduated; Don't Know.

	Student Response		ADVISOR comments/notes
Au 2027			
Sp 2028			
Su 2028			

**Advisor Comments on Funding:** (Comments should include things like upcoming grant expiration(s) and/or renewal(s) and any anticipated post 2<sup>nd</sup> year GTA requests.)

**Student Comments or Questions:**

Signatures below certify that an Annual Review committee meeting has taken place.

**Advisor Signature**

**Date**

**Student Signature**

**Date**

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## Assessment rubrics

Draft rubrics for MS Thesis and Defense (Summative), PhD Candidacy Exam (Formative), PhD Dissertation and Defense (Summative):

Liked file: [Rubrics](#)

Example: Dissertation Defense rubric

<b>Dissertation defense</b>				
Presentation slides	Well-matched to time allowed, clear formatting with good visibility of all content, clear prioritization	Well matched to allowed time, good visibility, but some superfluous content	Good visibility of content, more slides than time allows, little prioritization	Content hard to see, missing citations, missing prioritization
Presentation organization	Clear statement of the problem, motivation, methods and main results; blend of content depth for expert and non-expert audience	Clear organization, missing some supporting context or background info	Organization ok but not so clear, missing some key context or background; presentation too detailed for a broader audience	Lacking clear organization, too technically detailed and no effort made to include context or background information
Delivery of prepared content	Clearly spoken with emphasis on main points and not rushed	Clearly spoken with good timing, but emphasis not clearly defined	Some points rushed or unclear	Discussion is rambling and hard to follow
Completed work and problem statement	Clear attempt to relate work completed to initial problem	Clear summary of completed work, but relation to problem statement	Detailed summary of completed work, but missing any discussion of	Only sketch of completed work with no conclusions or connection to initial
Ability to answer questions: on content	Concise answer questions with consistent emphasis on key point	able to fully answer questions	able to answer questions with some guidance	not able to answer straightforward questions on content presented
Key challenges and outlook	Clear discussion of key challenges and how overcome, or possible next steps if not overcome	Key challenges identified and discussion of how they impeded work	Key challenges identified	No discussion of challenges overcome or next steps
Section score				
<b>Overall assessment of defense (to reflect committee consensus during post-exam deliberations)</b>	Several outstanding aspects clearly indicated, consistently above the 'acceptable bar' on all aspects	Outstanding in perhaps one aspect, but otherwise solid with no significant weaknesses	Consistently meets expectations	Several aspects need substantial improvement. Revisions recommended.

<b>MS thesis</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Outstanding = 3</b>	<b>Very Good = 2</b>	<b>Acceptable = 1</b>	<b>Significant work needed = 0</b>
Organization		Uses organizational structures (introduction, headings, sequenced material, conclusions) within the paper to enhance and facilitate comprehension	Consistently uses organizational structures within the paper to facilitate comprehension	Some effort to use organizational structures within the paper, but doesn't impact comprehension	Lacking organizational structures. Difficult for reader to follow.
Mechanics		Demonstrates detailed attention to mechanics that enhances comprehension, including sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, and spelling	Few if any minor errors in sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, and/or spelling that do not impede understanding	Makes occasional errors in sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, and/or spelling that impede understanding	Makes frequent errors in sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and/or spelling that interferes with comprehension
Citations		Evidence that recent, high-impact and primary references cited throughout text	Appropriate references cited throughout, but maybe missing a couple high-impact or primary references	References cited throughout, but little indication that primary, recent or high-impact papers were chosen	References not cited throughout text, ones chosen based on google search rather than impact or priority
Logical coherence		Discussion flows logically from one idea to the next, key questions anticipated and addressed at appropriate places	Strong attempt to maintain logical flow, some key questions anticipated, but only addressed later on	Logical flow, but fails to anticipate questions	Document missing key segues; argument not clear
Writing score					
<b>Ch 1 Introduction</b>					
Topic introduction		Topic is concisely introduced using fundamental principles	Topic is introduced, but lacks description of foundational principles	Topic is barely introduced or with flaws in foundational principles	Topic is ill-defined, or serious flaws in description of foundational principles
Problem rationale		Persuasive argument that an important problem has been identified	Problem has been identified with insufficient discussion	Problem has been identified, but not clear why important	Problem not clearly identified
Literature review		Current state of understanding of the problem summarized with appropriate references cited	State of the literature focusing on the problem is summarized, missing one or two key references	Similar studies (or lack thereof) summarized, but important references/milestones not cited	Missing substantial discussion of the field and important references
Broader impact		Discussion of potential impacts with at least one specific example	Discussion of potential impacts, but only in general terms	Vague discussion of impact	No effort to discuss impacts of the problem
Introduction score					
<b>Ch 2: Research methods</b>					

Rationale for proposed methods		Clear discussion for why proposed methods are suitable to solve the problem	Good discussion for proposed methods, but missing one or more key points	Some effort to relate proposed methods to problem, but connection unclear	No effort made to justify proposed methods
Methods summary		Discussion of proposed methods, supported with one or two examples of experimental, computational and theoretical data	Some discussion of proposed methods, supported by some examples	Focused discussion of proposed methods, but assertions are not supported	Methods only discussed in superficial terms, understandable only to experts in the techniques
Methods score					
<b>Ch 3: Research results (typically 1-2 chapters expected)</b>					
Specific objectives		Clear discussion of main research objectives or hypotheses	Discussion of main research objectives and/or hypotheses	Specific research objectives or hypotheses discussed, but are unclear	No discussion of objectives or hypotheses
Discussion of main results		Clear discussion of main results, with a logical progression of work supporting final conclusions. If there were roadblocks toward final objectives, clear discussion of challenge and next steps	Clear discussion of final work, but missing one example of foundational work or key challenges	Final work presented, but lacking discussion of key challenges or missing supporting elements	Missing discussion of key results, or discussion of challenges if work not completed.
Results score					
<b>Ch 4: Conclusions</b>					
Completed work and problem statement		Clear attempt to relate work completed to initial problem statement	Clear summary of completed work, but relation to problem statement missing important details	Detailed summary of completed work, but missing any discussion of relation to problem statement	Only sketch of completed work with no conclusions or connection to initial objectives
Key challenges and outlook		Clear discussion of key challenges and how overcome, or possible next steps if not overcome	Key challenges identified and discussion of how they impeded work	Key challenges identified	No discussion of challenges overcome or next steps
Conclusions score					
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Defense score						
<b>Overall assessment of defense (to reflect committee consensus during post-exam deliberations)</b>		Several outstanding aspects clearly indicated, consistently above the 'acceptable bar' on all aspects	Outstanding in perhaps one aspect, but otherwise solid with no significant weaknesses	Consistently meets expectations	Several aspects need substantial improvement. Revisions recommended.	
TOTAL SCORE	0					
(out of 60 points)						



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<b>Ch 2: Proposed methods</b>					
Rationale for proposed methods		Clear discussion for why proposed methods are suitable to solve the problem	Good discussion for proposed methods, but missing one or more key points	Some effort to relate proposed methods to problem, but connection unclear	No effort made to justify proposed methods
Methods foundations		Foundational principles for proposed methods discussed concisely, with priorities chosen based on the work to be performed	Foundational principles discussed concisely, following well-known textbooks	Some foundational principles discussed, but with uneven prioritization and detail	Foundational principles discussed lacking relevance of with flaws in detail
Methods summary		Thorough discussion of proposed methods, supported with experimental, computational and theoretical data	Significant discussion of proposed methods, supported by some examples	Focused discussion of proposed methods, but assertions are not supported	Methods only discussed in superficial terms, understandable only to experts in the techniques
Proposed work		Clear but concise outline of planned work, connection to problem statement clear	clear outline of planned work and connection to problem statement	Clear outline of planned work, though relation to problem statement not clearly discussed	Unclear what work will be performed and how it relates to problem statement
Feasibility argument		Two or more relevant literature references identified that support feasibility of proposed work, key challenges identified	Literature references of similar measurements identified, some key challenges identified but missing one or more	Literature references of similar work identified, some specific challenges identified, but no key challenges	No effort made to identify possible challenges or prior relevant work
<b>Overall assessment of MS thesis - (to be completed by each committee member before exam)</b>		Several outstanding aspects clearly indicated, consistently above the 'acceptable bar' on all aspects	Outstanding in one aspect, but otherwise solid with no significant weaknesses	Consistently meets expectations	Several aspects need substantial improvement. Revisions recommended.
<b>Oral component</b>					
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Ability to answer questions: on foundations		Concisely relates questions, and demonstrates accurate understanding of foundational principles	Able to relate multiple questions to foundational principles	Relates questions to foundations with some guidance	Takes considerable guidance to identify relevant foundational principles
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Organization		Skillfully uses organizational structures (introduction, headings, sequenced material, conclusions) within the paper to enhance and facilitate comprehension	Consistently uses organizational structures within the paper	Some effort to use organizational structures within the paper, but doesn't impact comprehension	Lacking organizational structures. Difficult for reader to follow.
Mechanics		Demonstrates detailed attention to mechanics that enhances comprehension, including sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, and spelling	Few if any minor errors in sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, and/or spelling that do not impede understanding	Makes occasional errors in sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, and/or spelling that impede understanding	Makes frequent errors in sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and/or spelling that interferes with comprehension
Citations		Evidence that recent, high-impact and primary references cited throughout text	Appropriate references cited throughout, but maybe missing a couple high-impact or primary references	References cited throughout, but little indication that primary, recent or high-impact papers were chosen	References not cited throughout text, ones chosen based on google search rather than impact or priority
Logical coherence		Discussion flows logically from one idea to the next, key questions anticipated and addressed at appropriate places	Strong attempt to maintain logical flow, some key questions anticipated, but only addressed later on	Logical flow, but fails to anticipate questions	Document missing key segues; argument not clear
Section score					
<b>Ch 1 Introduction</b>					
Topic introduction		Topic is concisely introduced using fundamental principles	Topic is introduced, but lacks description of foundational principles	Topic is barely introduced or with flaws in foundational principles	Topic is ill-defined, or serious flaws in description of foundational principles
Problem rationale		Persuasive argument that an important problem has been identified	Problem has been identified with insufficient discussion	Problem has been identified, but not clear why important	Problem not clearly identified
Literature review		Current state of the field concisely summarized with appropriate references cited	State of the literature focusing on the problem is summarized	Similar studies (or lack thereof) summarized, but important references/milestones not cited	Missing substantial discussion of the field and important references
Problem context		Clearly delineates the problem by outlining development of the field	Generally describes the existence of the problem	Describes the problem, but lacking context	No effort to describe the problem within context
Broader impact		Clear discussion of potential impacts with one or two specific examples	Clear discussion of potential impacts, but only in general terms	Vague discussion of impact	No effort to discuss impacts of the problem
Section score					

<b>Ch 2: Research methods</b>					
Rationale for proposed methods		Clear discussion for why proposed methods are suitable to solve the problem	Good discussion for proposed methods, but missing one or more key points	Some effort to relate proposed methods to problem, but connection unclear	No effort made to justify proposed methods
Methods foundations		Foundational principles for proposed methods discussed concisely, with priorities chosen based on the work to be performed	Foundational principles discussed concisely, following well-known textbooks	Some foundational principles discussed, but with uneven prioritization and detail	Foundational principles discussed lacking relevance of with flaws in detail
Methods summary		Thorough discussion of proposed methods, supported with experimental, computational and theoretical data	Significant discussion of proposed methods, supported by some examples	Focused discussion of proposed methods, but assertions are not supported	Methods only discussed in superficial terms, understandable only to experts in the techniques
Proposed work		Clear but concise outline of planned work, connection to problem statement clear	clear outline of planned work and connection to problem statement	Clear outline of planned work, though relation to problem statement not clearly discussed	Unclear what work will be performed and how it relates to problem statement
Feasibility argument		Two or more relevant literature references identified that support feasibility of proposed work, key challenges identified	Literature references of similar measurements identified, some key challenges identified but missing one or more	Literature references of similar work identified, some specific challenges identified, but no key challenges	No effort made to identify possible challenges or prior relevant work
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Specific objectives		Clear discussion of main research objectives or hypotheses	Discussion of main research objectives and/or hypotheses	Specific research objectives or hypotheses discussed, but are unclear	No discussion of objectives or hypotheses
Discussion of main results		Clear discussion of main results, with a logical progression of work supporting final conclusions. If there were roadblocks toward final objectives, clear discussion of challenge and next steps	Clear discussion of final work, but missing one example of foundational work or key challenges	Final work presented, but lacking discussion of key challenges or missing supporting elements	Missing discussion of key results, or discussion of challenges if work not completed.

Comparison of results with literature		Main results are compared with literature, with consistency and discrepancies discussed in some detail	Main results compared to literature with some discussion of consistencies	Some comparison with literature, but lacking depth	Little or no effort made to compare results with the literature
Connection of results between different chapters		One chapter of results follows logically from the next, and/or connection within the dissertation overall problem is clear	Each chapter clearly connects within dissertation problem	Each chapter presented as stand-alone	No connection between different chapters
Section score					
<b>Ch 6: Internship Experience</b>					
Discussion of relevance to host		Clear discussion of how QISE is relevant to the hosting organization	Some discussion of QISE relevance	Only general discussion of QISE relevance	No discussion of QISE from host perspective
Reflection on technical skills developed		High-level summary of skills acquired during internship	Detailed discussion of skills	General discussion of skills	Some discussion of skills, but missing key activities
Reflection on professional networks		Evidence for several professional networking activities	One or two activities with examples of connections	One or two activities, but no specific connections made	No discussion of networking impact
Section score					
<b>Ch 7: Conclusions</b>					
Completed work and problem statement		Clear attempt to relate work completed to initial problem statement	Clear summary of completed work, but relation to problem statement missing important details	Detailed summary of completed work, but missing any discussion of relation to problem statement	Only sketch of completed work with no conclusions or connection to initial objectives
Key challenges and outlook		Clear discussion of key challenges and how overcome, or possible next steps if not overcome	Key challenges identified and discussion of how they impeded work	Key challenges identified	No discussion of challenges overcome or next steps
Section score					
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	TOTAL SCORE (out of 87 points)	0			



**Fiscal Impact Statement**

	Year 0 (< AY26-27)	Year 1 (AY26-27)	Year 2 (AY 27-28)	Year 3 (AY28-29)	Year 4 (AY29-30)
<b>Projected Enrollment</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>
Head-count full time	3	6.0	8.0	8.0	20.0
Head-count part time	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Full Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment	1.5	3.0	4.0	4.0	10.0
<b>Projected Program Income</b>					
Tuition (paid by student or sponsor)	\$ 46,966.50	\$ 98,629.65	\$ 138,081.51	\$ 144,985.59	\$ 190,293.58
Externally funded stipends, as applicable (including benefits)	\$ 116,826.72	\$ 233,653.44	\$ 320,884.06	\$ 330,510.58	\$ -
Expected state subsidy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	TBD
Other income (if applicable, describe in narrative section below)	\$ 387,659.49	\$ 209,963.29	\$ 223,453.88	\$ 251,012.49	TBD
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED PROGRAM INCOME:</b>	<b>\$ 551,452.71</b>	<b>\$ 542,246.38</b>	<b>\$ 682,419.45</b>	<b>\$ 726,508.65</b>	<b>\$ 190,293.58</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
New Personnel					
Program Coordinator (50% FTE in AY24-25, AY25-26, 100% FTE in Y2,3 ); including benefits	\$ 46,577.02	\$46,577	\$61,469	\$98,827	\$ 101,791.85
New facilities/building/space renovation (if applicable, describe in narrative section below)					
Tuition Scholarship Support (if applicable, describe in narrative section below)	\$ 46,966.50	\$ 98,629.65	\$ 138,081.51	\$ 144,985.59	\$ 190,293.58
Stipend Support (if applicable, describe in narrative section below)	\$ 116,826.72	\$ 233,653.44	\$ 320,884.06	\$ 330,510.58	\$ 382,673.00
Additional library resources (if applicable, describe in narrative section below)					
Additional technology or equipment needs (if applicable, describe in narrative section below)					
Other expenses (e.g., Waived Tuition and Fees, travel, office supplies, accreditation costs) (if applicable, describe in narrative section below)	\$341,082	\$163,386	\$161,985	\$152,185	\$ -
<b>TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSE:</b>	<b>\$551,453</b>	<b>\$ 542,246.38</b>	<b>\$ 682,419.45</b>	<b>\$ 726,508.65</b>	<b>\$ 674,758.43</b>
<b>NET</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (484,464.85)</b>

**Budget Narrative:**

The launch phase of the program (Y0-3) is fully funded by an NSF NRT award. The award budget includes stipends and tuition for 25 funded trainees (1 year each); 3 of these trainee-years of funding will be used for current OSU graduate students in Y0 (i.e., before AY26-27) to pilot aspects of the program, while the remaining 22 trainee-years of support will be used to recruit new students. The NSF NRT award also includes funding for a program coordinator position, teaching buyout for faculty to support curriculum development of the new courses, and travel to annual NSF NRT meetings. In Y4 (AY29-30) and beyond, the program would have to be sustainable on its own. Baseline expenses at this phase are the stipends, tuition and benefits for 10x1<sup>st</sup> year





fellowship PhD students per year, and the Program Coordinator Position. Our planned sustainability model includes a negotiated MOU with participating colleges (ASC, CoE) and the Graduate School for funds sufficient for these baseline expenses. Income streams we will develop during the launch period are (i) recruiting self- or employer-funded Masters students (we estimate ~ 10 / year), (ii) industry sponsorship of program components such as the annual research symposium, and (iii) leveraging competitively-awarded Graduate Fellowships or external funding from NSF or other sources. The requested support from ASC, CoE and Graduate school will be reduced pending these income streams.



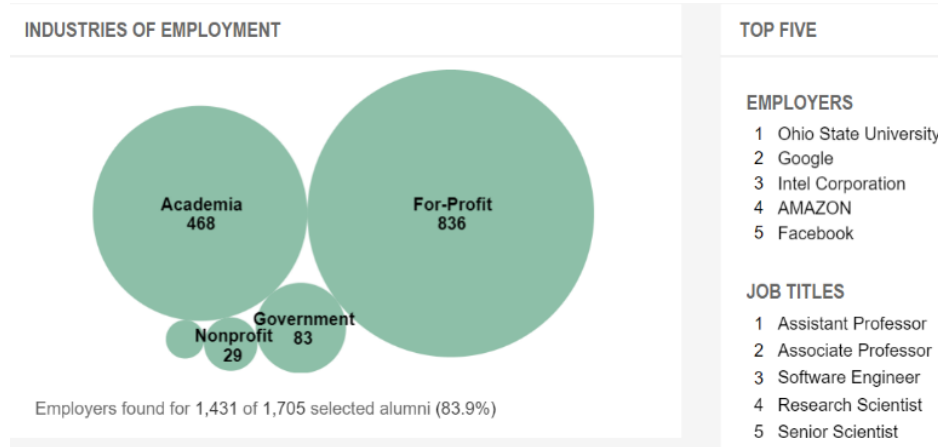
Market Analysis / Needs Survey

As discussed in the 2022 National Quantum Initiative Workforce report (https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/QIST-Natl-Workforce-Plan.pdf, c.f. below) a quantum-educated workforce will be needed to meet growing demand in this area. While quantum information science and engineering jobs are not yet called out as a separate category by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, QISE-related jobs fall under several employment areas projected for high growth rates in the next decade, including Software Developers, Engineering instructors, Mathematical Science occupations and Materials engineers.

Table with 6 columns: Occupation Title, Employment 2022 (thousands), Employment 2032, % growth 2022-2032, Openings, 2022-2032 Annual, Median Annual Wage 2023. Rows include Software developers, Industrial engineers, Engineering teachers, Electronics engineers, etc.

Consistent with this table, we include here three snapshots of the current employment market in quantum, evidenced by a job posting mailer collated by the Chicago Quantum Exchange, and quantum job postings on Indeed.com and LinkedIn. These examples illustrate the variety of employers looking to establish a footprint in QISE, such as Intel, Google, Amazon, and JP Morgan

Chase. These are also companies which are top employers of OSU graduates in the participating departments as shown here:



As outlined in the curriculum proposal, the QuGIP curriculum is designed to help meet this national need, but offering core instruction in quantum information science and engineering principles, experiential learning in research and industry engagement through internships and sponsored projects. Student demand for this program is evidenced through quantum pilot courses taught by participating faculty, including PHY 6820 – Quantum Information (taught in Sp18,19 by *Gauthier*, Sp21 by *Trivedi*), and MATH 8800 – Topological Phases of Matter (*Penneys*, Sp21) at the graduate level, as well as MATH 2194 – Mathematical Methods of Quantum Information Science (*Penneys*), and CSE 5889 - Classical and Quantum Logic (*Atiq*, Au22) at the advanced undergraduate level. These courses are in high demand by students from a variety of backgrounds; for example, *Trivedi's* graduate course had a registration of 21 students (6 Phys Grad, 8 Phys UG, 4 Eng UG, 2 Math G) including many with second majors in unexpected fields such as psychology and history, and approximately 20 more auditing the course. Similarly, *Atiq's* pilot course in QuSTEAM has enrolled 10 students (including one graduate student), with majors in CSE, Physics, Engineering Physics and Mathematics.



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## Abbreviations and Acronyms

<b>AFOSR</b>	Air Force Office of Scientific Research
<b>AFRL</b>	Air Force Research Laboratory
<b>ARL</b>	Army Research Laboratory
<b>ARO</b>	Army Research Office
<b>DHS</b>	Department of Homeland Security
<b>DOD</b>	Department of Defense
<b>DOE</b>	Department of Energy
<b>DOI</b>	Department of the Interior
<b>DOS</b>	Department of State
<b>ESIX</b>	Subcommittee on Economic and Security Implications of Quantum Science
<b>IARPA</b>	Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity
<b>IWG</b>	Interagency Working Group
<b>LPS</b>	National Security Agency Laboratory for Physical Sciences
<b>NASA</b>	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
<b>NDAA</b>	National Defense Authorization Act
<b>NIH</b>	National Institutes of Health
<b>NIST</b>	National Institute of Standards and Technology
<b>NQCO</b>	National Quantum Coordination Office
<b>NQI</b>	National Quantum Initiative
<b>NSA</b>	National Security Agency
<b>NSF</b>	National Science Foundation
<b>NSTC</b>	National Science and Technology Council
<b>ODNI</b>	Office of the Director of National Intelligence
<b>OMB</b>	Office of Management and Budget
<b>ONR</b>	Office of Naval Research
<b>OSTP</b>	Office of Science and Technology Policy
<b>OUSDR(R&amp;E)</b>	Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Research and Engineering
<b>QIST</b>	Quantum Information Science and Technology
<b>QED-C</b>	Quantum Economic Development Consortium
<b>QLCI</b>	Quantum Leap Challenge Institutes
<b>R&amp;D</b>	Research and Development
<b>SCQIS</b>	Subcommittee on Quantum Information Science
<b>STEM</b>	Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics.
<b>USPTO</b>	United States Patent and Trade Office



### Executive Summary

Workforce development in Quantum Information Science and Technology (QIST) is a priority for the United States as part of the National Quantum Initiative.<sup>1</sup> To ensure economic and national security, several actions are recommended here to evaluate the QIST workforce landscape, prepare more people for jobs with quantum technology, enhance STEM education at all levels, accelerate exploration of quantum frontiers,<sup>2</sup> and expand the talent pool for industries of the future.

Beyond the significant technical challenges facing QIST research and development (R&D), the shortage of talent constrains progress. The field is currently creating more job openings than can be filled, with the variety of jobs related to QIST expanding in academia, industry, national labs, and government. New and sustained workforce training efforts are critical for maintaining American leadership in QIST. Fortunately, the requisite skills are widely applicable and in high demand. Therefore, investments that grow the professional expertise needed for QIST R&D will pay dividends in many sectors of the economy.

Building the Nation's QIST workforce will require coordination among U.S. Government agencies, academic institutions, professional societies, non-profit organizations, industry, and international partners. There are also important roles for STEM educators and institutional experts on diversity, equity and inclusion, to ensure that training in QIST will position more individuals for rewarding careers, and expand America's capacity for high-tech innovation.

Presidential Science Advisor Dr. Eric Lander spoke about the importance of growing the American high-tech workforce by, “not just cloning the people who are in it but expanding to include everybody in this country who wants to be part of it.”<sup>3</sup> He said, “Focusing on the hardest, most important problems; making and investing in the right technical bets; and building and growing the scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs of tomorrow – all in our unique American model of fair and free-market competition and cooperation is how we will continue to lead.”

To ensure the United States creates a diverse, inclusive, and sustainable workforce that possesses the broad range of skills needed by industry, academia, national laboratories, and the U.S. Government, this document expands upon the workforce policies outlined in the *National Strategic Overview of Quantum Information Science*. It provides updates on current activities, additional recommendations, and criteria for success. Four critical actions are identified:

- 1. Develop and maintain an understanding of the workforce needs in the QIST ecosystem, with both short-term and long-term perspectives;**
- 2. Introduce broader audiences to QIST through public outreach and educational materials;**
- 3. Address QIST-specific gaps in professional education and training opportunities; and**
- 4. Make careers in QIST and related fields more accessible and equitable.**

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2018\\_NSTC\\_National\\_Strategic\\_Overview\\_QIS.pdf](https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2018_NSTC_National_Strategic_Overview_QIS.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/QuantumFrontiers.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/news-updates/2021/10/07/readout-of-white-house-summit-on-quantum-industry-and-society/>

### Introduction

Quantum Information Science and Technology (QIST)<sup>4</sup> is a research and development (R&D) priority for the United States because it pushes the frontiers of science and engineering.<sup>5</sup> It lays a foundation for industries of the future, and can impact national security. To accelerate QIST R&D and grow the Nation's capacity to develop quantum technologies, the United States needs a talented, diverse, and adaptable workforce. However, the supply of such talent currently does not meet demand from the rapidly expanding industrial, national laboratory, government, and academic efforts. This is evident both in the United States and internationally.<sup>6,7</sup> Therefore, enhanced pathways are needed for near-term career pivots into the field, and also for longer-term approaches that develop talent through education, training, and outreach. To address these needs, a national strategy for QIST workforce development is presented here.

Historically, talent and creative ideas in QIST have come from experts in quantum physics and information theory. These fields have already produced transformative technologies for society. Quantum physics led to transistors, lasers, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanners, and atomic clocks (e.g., for GPS navigation). Information theory catalyzed the development of computers, digital communication, and the internet. Collectively these fields – quantum physics and information theory – ushered in the modern digital age. Their confluence in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, manifested as QIST, is now yielding more discoveries and new technologies based on new ways to acquire, encode, manipulate, process, and distribute information.

QIST now involves practitioners trained in a wide variety of disciplines such as computer science, engineering, chemistry, and materials science, who are working together often in multidisciplinary teams to pioneer revolutionary approaches to computing, simulation, sensing, timing, and networking. Furthermore, QIST advances are providing foundational knowledge and leading to applications in a growing number of fields. Quantum computing algorithms and hardware may facilitate developments in medicine, energy science, and agriculture, for example, with simulations of molecules involved in pharmaceutical compounds, artificial photosynthesis, or fertilizer technology.<sup>8,9</sup> Quantum sensing offers new modalities and enhanced measurement sensitivity relevant for domains as diverse as ocean navigation and neuroscience. Quantum networks can support disruptive applications in sensing, computing, and communication. But the pace of these developments ultimately depends on the people – the workforce – in QIST.

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<sup>4</sup> As described in the National Quantum Initiative Act, the term “quantum information science” means the use of the laws of quantum physics for the storage, transmission, manipulation, computing, or measurement of information.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/QuantumFrontiers.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.zdnet.com/article/quantum-computings-next-challenge-finding-quantum-developers-and-fast/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/21/technology/quantum-computing-jobs-immigration-visas.html>

<sup>8</sup> Commercial applications of quantum computing, [doi:10.1140/epjqt/s40507-021-00091-1](https://doi.org/10.1140/epjqt/s40507-021-00091-1)

<sup>9</sup> Quantum computing: progress and prospects, [doi:10.17226/25196](https://doi.org/10.17226/25196)

Given the potential impacts of QIST,<sup>10,11</sup> the United States – along with many other nations – has embarked on a journey to further understand and harness the capabilities inherent in QIST. Building on decades of sustained Federal investments, the United States launched its National Quantum Initiative to accelerate the pace of QIST R&D.<sup>12,13</sup> Concurrently, there has been a global increase in investment by academia, industry, and national-level programs.<sup>14</sup>

The National Quantum Initiative Act (NQI Act) and the FY 2019-2022 National Defense Authorization Acts (NDAA) highlight the need for a QIST workforce.<sup>15,16</sup> Indeed, the development of a QIST-ready workforce with a broad range of skills is vital to ensure that the United States can contribute to and benefit from the quantum technology innovations of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For it is the workforce that will accomplish the basic and applied R&D in a broad range of technologies, supply chains, and applications that are crucial for a healthy QIST portfolio across sensing, communication, and computation.

**Challenges:** Investments in QIST by new and existing companies have accelerated over the last decade, and the supply of talent is not keeping up with demand. Furthermore, while government funding for new quantum research centers established pursuant to the NQI Act and NDAA's (see Figure 4) will train more researchers, these new centers are creating even more staffing demands for QIST experts in the near term. The resulting growth in QIST-related careers now necessitates a commensurate increase in the number of scientists and engineers who are appropriately trained or positioned to easily transition into work on QIST-oriented technologies.<sup>17</sup> Workforce development has been a leading topic at numerous quantum-related workshops and conferences,<sup>18– 23</sup> and several new academic programs in QIST have been launched. To comprehensively understand the long-term and short-term scope of the QIST workforce shortage, there remains a need for additional information, including but not limited to data on the technical demands, training, awareness, retention, etc. Several challenges are listed here, and addressed in the following Sections.

A primary challenge for growing the QIST workforce is understanding the technical needs of the ecosystem. This is compounded by issues such as: the breadth of technologies involved (e.g., software and hardware that span sensing, computing, and networking and communication); the need for subject matter experts (at both the basic research, systems development, and engineering levels); and the wide

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.ida.org/research-and-publications/publications/all/a/as/assessment-of-the-future-economic-impact-of-quantum-information-science>

<sup>11</sup> <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/details?prodcode=R45409>

<sup>12</sup> [https://science.osti.gov/-/media/nqiac/pdf/NQI\\_Program-coordination\\_NQIAC\\_20201027.pdf](https://science.osti.gov/-/media/nqiac/pdf/NQI_Program-coordination_NQIAC_20201027.pdf)

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/6227/>

<sup>14</sup> <https://cifar.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/QuantumReport-EN-May2021.pdf>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ232/PLAW-115publ232.pdf> (Sec. 234)

<sup>16</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/116/plaws/publ92/PLAW-116publ92.pdf> (Sec. 220)

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.aps.org/publications/apsnews/202106/qis.cfm>

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.afrl.af.mil/News/Article/2426785/afri-set-to-co-host-two-day-virtual-quantum-collider-20/>

<sup>19</sup> <https://quantum-workforce.kavlimeetings.org/>

<sup>20</sup> [QED-C | TAC - QED-C \(quantumconsortium.org\)](https://www.quantumconsortium.org/)

<sup>21</sup> Preparing for the quantum revolution: What is the role of higher education, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131)

<sup>22</sup> <https://quantum.mines.edu/nsf-qe-ed/>;

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.bnl.gov/c2qaquantumcareerevent>

variety of required skills that comprise and support QIST. More data on all of these issues would better inform and track workforce development efforts.

A second challenge is that exposure to QIST at the high school or undergraduate level in the United States is limited, and rarely available prior to advanced coursework or research.<sup>24</sup> The ensuing lack of awareness can leave talented high school and undergraduate students to pursue other directions. A hypothesis is that more students might stay in STEM fields if they get excited about quantum and other cutting-edge technologies earlier in their education.<sup>25,26</sup> Moreover, because many QIST- and STEM-related jobs require some familiarity with quantum mechanics, the nation's capacity for several high-tech industries will be enhanced if sound approaches are implemented to further raise awareness of QIST.<sup>22</sup>

A third challenge is attracting and retaining professional talent as QIST becomes more of a global enterprise, requiring both domestic training and international cooperation. The United States has benefited tremendously from experts coming from all around the world to participate in R&D efforts in academia, national laboratories, and industry to advance their careers. As opportunities in QIST grow outside the United States, efforts to provide a welcoming cooperative environment should be sustained and adapted to create, attract, and retain talent by leveraging the strengths of institutions spanning all Carnegie Classification levels including 2-year-, minority-serving-, high research activity (R2), and Predominantly Undergraduate institutions (PUI).<sup>27</sup> Furthermore, recruitment and retention of expert talent into jobs that support federal needs often comes with additional challenges including requirements of citizenship, that are exacerbated by a tight and competitive labor market. This recruitment is critical as QIST activities undertaken by Federal Departments and Agencies (hereafter referred to as 'Agencies'), federal laboratories, Federally-Funded R&D Centers (FFRDC's), University-Affiliated Research Center Laboratories (UARCs), and the defense industrial base support basic research, infrastructure, and standards development, and provide hands-on training for junior scientists and technologists in QIST.

A fourth and overarching challenge is to develop a more diverse QIST workforce that is inclusive of all Americans who wish to participate in this area. This requires a systemic culture shift to create inclusive, supportive, and equitable work and learning environments, policies, and structures for people from every race, ethnicity, and gender.<sup>26,28</sup> Factors ranging from negative individual interactions to broad institutional practices result in a loss of diverse talent in many of the STEM fields that feed QIST (e.g., computer information science engineering, electrical engineering, materials science and engineering,

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<sup>24</sup> Building a Quantum Engineering Undergraduate Program, [arXiv:2108.01311](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.01311)

<sup>25</sup> <https://www.aip.org/sites/default/files/aipcorp/files/teamup-full-report.pdf>

<sup>26</sup> Women are underrepresented in fields where success is believed to require brilliance, [doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2015.00235](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2015.00235)

<sup>27</sup> [https://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/classification\\_descriptions/basic.php](https://carnegieclassifications.iu.edu/classification_descriptions/basic.php)

<sup>28</sup> <https://www.aip.org/sites/default/files/aipcorp/files/teamup-full-report.pdf>

and physics).<sup>29,30,31,32,33,34</sup> Integrating problem solvers from different backgrounds into a team enhances the likelihood of scientific success and promotes continuous innovation and economic growth,<sup>35</sup> and it is the right thing to do based on principles of equity and inclusion. Expanding the workforce in this way will take intentional actions, examples of which are discussed in this document. The resulting benefits should enhance the impact of QIST research, stimulate innovation, and foster the development of technologies that benefit all of America, as new approaches and points of view are represented from the lab to the boardroom.

**Approach:** Given the varying lead times for outreach, education, and professional training to realize substantial impacts, it is necessary to have a strategy that helps address both the short- and long-term challenges outlined above. Furthermore, recognizing the critical nature of this need for several Agencies, coordination of federal efforts in workforce development should be done in such a way that enables more rapid progress in QIST R&D for all involved entities.

This Plan builds on lessons learned since the release of the *National Strategic Overview for Quantum Information Science (NSO)*<sup>36</sup> in 2018, and reflects the evolving QIST landscape. The next Sections update and expand upon policies and recommendations highlighted in the NSO, and support the following vision:

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### Vision

***The United States should develop a diverse, inclusive, and sustainable workforce that possesses the broad range of skills needed by industry, academia, and the U.S. Government, while being able to scale and adapt as the QIST landscape evolves.***

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The strategic approach to realizing this vision is organized around four broad actions that are collectively, and individually, designed to confront the challenges outlined above:

- **Action 1:** Develop and maintain an understanding of the workforce needs in the QIST ecosystem, with both short-term and long-term perspectives;
- **Action 2:** Introduce broader audiences to QIST through public outreach and education materials;
- **Action 3:** Address QIST-specific gaps in professional education and training opportunities; and
- **Action 4:** Make careers in QIST and related fields more accessible and equitable.

The remainder of this report is organized as follows: each section focuses on an action, discusses the current landscape, provides specific recommendations for continued or expanded federal activities,

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<sup>29</sup> [https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021\\_NSTC\\_ESIX\\_INTL\\_TALENT\\_QIS.pdf](https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021_NSTC_ESIX_INTL_TALENT_QIS.pdf)

<sup>30</sup> Preparing for the quantum revolution: What is the role of higher education, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131)

<sup>31</sup> <https://ira.asee.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2018-Engineering-by-Numbers-Engineering-Statistics-UPDATED-15-July-2019.pdf>

<sup>32</sup> <https://www.aps.org/programs/women/resources/statistics.cfm>

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.aps.org/programs/minorities/resources/statistics.cfm>

<sup>34</sup> Systemic inequalities for LGBTQ professionals in STEM, <https://doi.org/10.1126/sciadv.abe0933>

<sup>35</sup> Groups of diverse problem solvers can outperform groups of high-ability problem solvers, [doi:10.1073/pnas.0403723101](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.0403723101)

<sup>36</sup> [https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2018\\_NSTC\\_National\\_Strategic\\_Overview\\_QIS.pdf](https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2018_NSTC_National_Strategic_Overview_QIS.pdf)

and suggests opportunities for industry academia, and other members of the community. Attention is given to growing diversity, fostering inclusion, and ensuring equity with regard to educational, research, and work opportunities. Each action will require partnerships with STEM education and institutional diversity and equity experts to inform and guide QIST R&D entities to effect genuine and long-lasting change. Finally, the Appendix outlines many of the ongoing federal activities that support QIST workforce generation. As shown in Figure 1, progress and long-term success will be measured in careers. Progress can be monitored by assessing how well programs inspire individuals, educate learners, and provide experiences to train the future workforce.

Inspire	Educate	Experiences	Careers
<p>Motivate students and broaden public understanding via foundational education and outreach. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q-12 Partnership</li> <li>• World Quantum Day</li> </ul>	<p>Develop and deploy formal and informal approaches. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantum 101</li> <li>• QIST Minors</li> <li>• QIST Masters</li> </ul>	<p>Grow confidence through unique opportunities. Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internships</li> <li>• Externships</li> <li>• Hands-On Research</li> <li>• After School Programs</li> </ul>	<p>Make people aware of the impactful and diverse options in QIST and encourage them to pursue careers in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industry</li> <li>• Academia</li> <li>• Government</li> </ul>

Figure 1: The success of this report will largely be measured by the QIST community’s ability to inspire people to engage in QIST. This engagement will be met via accessible education of people at various education and career levels, the development of training experiences at various education and career levels, and pathways that efficiently connect workers to jobs and career opportunities.

## Action 1. Develop and Maintain an Understanding of Workforce Needs in the QIST Ecosystem, with both Short-Term and Long-Term Perspectives

**Goal: Understand the supply of and demand for QIST workers; assess the state of educational and training opportunities; and track the overall demographic make-up of the field.**

To ensure that the United States remains a global leader in the rapidly evolving and competitive field of QIST, a more complete understanding of the workforce, education, and training landscape is required. The focus and size of education and outreach programs should be tuned to meet the workforce needs of industry, academia, and Agencies. Unfortunately, the QIST workforce landscape is difficult to assess due to the complex and interdisciplinary nature of the work, the globally interconnected circulation of talent and ideas, the sometimes-rapid evolution from basic research to industry developments, and the fact that tracking of workforce data specifically for QIST is just beginning. Furthermore, at the same time as new fundamental science sub-areas are still emerging, other areas of QIST are shifting from fundamental scientific research towards engineering and technology development, and from prototypes to product.

The breadth of this change is reflected in the range of core fields (e.g., computer science, electrical engineering, materials science, mathematics, chemistry, and physics), as well as in emerging and supporting fields (e.g., marketing and sales, manufacturing, systems engineering, and product development and design). Though there is breadth in the core and emerging fields, there is an understanding that technical skills including analytical problem solving and data analysis, along with organizational skills such as being able to work in teams, are important for QIST professionals to acquire. Current data suggests that deep, focused *QIST expertise* is still in demand, often at the PhD level or higher. However, there is growing demand for individuals who are *QIST-proficient* (having an undergraduate QIST-related major, minor, or track), *QIST-aware* (e.g., having just a single undergraduate course connecting with QIST), or *STEM professionals* (individuals who possess complementary skillsets needed by QIST industry) (see Figure 2).<sup>37,38</sup> As a result, companies, educators, and researchers are still grappling to understand exactly what skills are needed for both today's and tomorrow's workforce.

### 1.1 Current Landscape

At this time, there is no singular, comprehensive source of data that provides definitive, quantitative information regarding the QIST workforce landscape. Based on the information that is available, there appears to be a talent shortage at all levels. This assessment is based on:

- information from the Quantum Economic Development Consortium (QED-C), which administers a periodic survey to its members, as well as separate data collected and analyzed by researchers;<sup>39</sup>

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<sup>37</sup> Building a Quantum Engineering Undergraduate Program, [arXiv:2108.01311](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.01311)

<sup>38</sup> The exact definition of quantum-aware can vary. Here it is used to imply familiarity with the common language and general specifications associated with certain quantum technologies.

<sup>39</sup> Preparing for the quantum revolution: What is the role of higher education, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131)

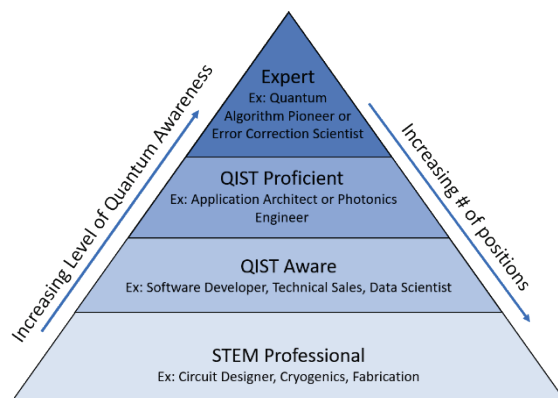
- anecdotal input from a series of conferences, meetings and conversations with representatives from industry, academia, national labs, and the Federal government; and
- data available through online job boards.<sup>40</sup>

The QED-C surveys and job boards provide a useful, if incomplete, picture of the skillsets and educational training levels that the QIST ecosystem currently needs. Workers who possess skills in QIST software and hardware development, along with some business acumen are in particularly high demand.<sup>41</sup> Beyond jobs specifically requiring deep QIST expertise, there is a broad range of positions drawing on various science and engineering fields with needed skills including coding, data analysis, and digital and radio-frequency circuit design, as well as laboratory experience and knowledge of optical, materials, and mechanical engineering.<sup>42</sup>

Only about half of the roles sought by industry require QIST proficiency. The remainder rely on workers with, at most, a basic awareness of QIST. The desired education levels span bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree recipients. Because this snapshot captures a field that largely exists in the R&D stage, continued monitoring of the needed skills and educational depths will be required as QIST matures and evolves.

The Federal government and many external professional societies track relevant metrics around STEM degree production.<sup>43,44</sup> Several Agencies and universities also support workshops that discuss academic STEM and QIST-specific programs. As a result, a more complete picture of the number of students graduating with the required skills is beginning to develop.

Programs to develop QIST-specific and related talent are being implemented at several levels, ranging from short courses to undergraduate minors to master's degree programs, and more are in development.<sup>45,46,47,48</sup> Yet, there is still a significant challenge because in many, if not most, U.S. academic institutions, traditional undergraduate quantum physics education focuses on treatments of quantum mechanics with very little content addressing quantum information science, or QIST per se.



*Figure 2: Borrowing from the quantum engineer pyramid,<sup>47</sup> the figure highlights the different levels of awareness that are referenced throughout this report. The levels do not indicate overall education, as a STEM professional could have an advanced degree in their area, with no quantum background. Likewise, a quantum-expert need not obtain a PhD in the field. Additional examples of job types and degree levels are available.<sup>41</sup>*

<sup>40</sup> <https://quantumconsortium.org/quantum-jobs/>

<sup>41</sup> Assessing the needs of the quantum industry, [arXiv:2109.03601](https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.03601)

<sup>42</sup> Preparing for the quantum revolution: What is the role of higher education, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131)

<sup>43</sup> <https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/>

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.aps.org/programs/education/statistics/index.cfm>

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.per-central.org/items/detail.cfm?ID=15731>

<sup>46</sup> Achieving a quantum smart workforce, [doi:10.1088/2058-9565/abfa64](https://doi.org/10.1088/2058-9565/abfa64)

<sup>47</sup> Building a Quantum Engineering Undergraduate Program, [arXiv:2108.01311](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.01311)

<sup>48</sup> <https://www.csusm.edu/quest/index.html>



One possible metric of success in building the workforce is the growth of these programs nationwide, in terms of development and student participation.<sup>49</sup> A second metric is in building a diverse quantum workforce, in terms of the diversity of students who are identified as QIST-aware, -proficient, and -experts. Whether these newly developed programs will meet workforce needs is still an open question, which is partially complicated by continued uncertainty as to what constitutes a QIST qualified worker. For example, while an analysis of PhD dissertation titles provides some insight,<sup>50</sup> discerning between QIST-related and more general quantum physics and materials research is subjective. This poses an ongoing challenge for program development and data collection alike.

Finally, broadening participation in QIST is critical and will require a better understanding of current demographics within the QIST ecosystem. Currently, the best available demographics data are drawn from QIST-relevant fields, such as computer science, electrical engineering, and physics.<sup>51,52</sup> Unfortunately, these fields have among the lowest participation rates for people from backgrounds historically underrepresented in STEM, including Hispanics or Latinos, Blacks or African Americans, American Indians or Alaska Natives, persons with disabilities, and women from all backgrounds. In absolute numbers, women make up the largest of the underrepresented groups.<sup>53,54,55</sup> While low participation from these underrepresented backgrounds in QIST can be inferred from this data, limited demographic data on QIST-specific degree production means that the full extent of participation is difficult to ascertain. Instead, it must be drawn from the larger, coarser data previously mentioned. While demographic data from relevant fields provides a starting point, better tracking of QIST-specific progress towards creating opportunities, and attracting and retaining a diverse cadre of talent is needed.

**Summary:** Ensuring that a diverse, properly sized, and skilled workforce is developed to meet the evolving needs of the QIST ecosystem will require more training opportunities and more data. A full picture of the workforce landscape should be informed by metrics that elucidate the size and makeup of the growing QIST R&D community and assesses trends, forecasts and contingencies for both the supply (of) and demand for talent. While new programs to educate and train workers are being developed, the impact of these programs on workforce and skills-adoption should be assessed in the broader context of STEM education and high-tech employment. Based on the limited available data, the QIST R&D community must work deliberately to increase participation of people from underrepresented backgrounds in STEM, and to gain a deeper understanding of the QIST workforce landscape. Roles and responsibilities for these efforts are described next, in Sections 1.2 and 1.3.

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<sup>49</sup> <https://www.per-central.org/items/detail.cfm?ID=15731>

<sup>50</sup> [https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021\\_NSTC\\_ESIX\\_INTL\\_TALENT\\_QIS.pdf](https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021_NSTC_ESIX_INTL_TALENT_QIS.pdf)

<sup>51</sup> [Women, Minorities, and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering](#)

<sup>52</sup> Preparing for the quantum revolution: What is the role of higher education, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131)

<sup>53</sup> <https://ira.asee.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2018-Engineering-by-Numbers-Engineering-Statistics-UPDATED-15-July-2019.pdf>

<sup>54</sup> <https://www.aps.org/programs/women/resources/statistics.cfm>

<sup>55</sup> <https://www.aps.org/programs/minorities/resources/statistics.cfm>

### 1.2 Recommendations for U.S. Government

- The National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Subcommittee on QIS (SCQIS), through its Interagency Working Group on QIST Workforce, should coordinate with the NSTC Committee on STEM Education (CO-STEM) to align data collection efforts and on-going STEM activities across the Federal government, including implementation of the STEM Education Strategic Plan.
- Agencies should support studies of U.S. and international QIST workforce supply and demand, and gather data on the demographics of populations in the QIST workforce and educational pipelines. For example, the NSF National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics survey of graduates could add specific tags for QIST in its data collection process.<sup>56</sup>
- The National Quantum Coordination Office (NQCO), SCQIS, and the Subcommittee on the Economic and Security Implications of Quantum Science (ESIX) should encourage the National Quantum Initiative Advisory Committee to develop and implement protocols to assess industry workforce needs and projections, with instruments that respect proprietary information.
- The SCQIS and ESIX should continue engaging with industry through consortia and other venues to better understand future workforce needs and supply.
- Surveys and workshops sponsored by Agencies should be designed to better understand what motivates workers to pursue careers in QIST and related STEM fields, as well as what factors draw talent into Federal government jobs.
- The SCQIS and ESIX should carry out biennial assessments of QIST workforce needs in the Federal government, including the civilian, intelligence, and defense sectors.

### 1.3 Opportunities for Academia, Industry and the Broader QIST Ecosystem

- Researchers can contribute by working with consortia such as the QED-C, professional societies, and other multi-institutional bodies to help assess the overall market for QIST talent, and understand what skills are most in demand. Quantitative results forecasting the demand for various skill sets in the QIST workforce can help to guide the development of appropriate training opportunities and programs.
- Consortia and professional societies can improve data collection by including questions about QIST jobs in their surveys. When carefully done, this can include studies of job roles that are adjacent to, but critical for, QIST, studies of end users and early adopters of QIST, and analyses of key positions in facilities and supply chain industries that enable QIST R&D.
- Thoughtfully collecting and using demographics data, including information needed to track the inclusion, participation, retention, and career outcomes of people from historically underrepresented backgrounds in STEM fields can help ensure that programs are structured to achieve a diverse QIST talent pool.
- Employers can engage with educators to provide guidance that may be used to align curricula and training experiences with the current and anticipated needs of the QIST economy.

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<sup>56</sup> <https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvygrads/>

## Action 2. Introduce Broader Audiences to QIST Through Public Outreach and Educational Materials

**Goal: Increase awareness and knowledge of the implications and opportunities of QIST within the public and with students of all backgrounds.**

Early and continued engagement in STEM fields is a key factor in retaining and mitigating attrition among people from backgrounds historically underrepresented in STEM fields.<sup>57,58</sup> Furthermore, parental and mentor knowledge of opportunities plays an important role in career choices.<sup>59</sup> While QIST falls within the general realm of STEM,<sup>60</sup> it has its own challenges and opportunities regarding outreach, education, and workforce development. For instance, QIST is still largely unknown and thus its benefits are likely not yet clear to most students, teachers, parents, or the general public.

To encourage growth in this base of domestic talent, it is aspirational that all learners should be empowered to see a place for themselves in the quantum-related careers roster.<sup>61</sup> This requires that learners are provided exposure to QIST via accessible outreach and educational opportunities. These can be during regular school and business activities, and also in informal learning venues such as museums, movies, games, and other media. The goal is that they understand what QIST careers exist and what skills are needed to contribute. In this way, K-12 education and outreach can play a pivotal role in building a diverse future QIST workforce.

### 2.1 Current Landscape

There is much work to be done to link students and teachers with resources at the right levels to nurture their excitement about QIST, while avoiding unrealistic hype. While global availability of open cloud-connected quantum computing prototypes offers profound outreach possibilities, continued effort around creating educational opportunities that connect to QIST concepts is needed. Mass media, pop culture, or press releases from Agencies, universities, and industry are common ways that students and families first hear about the field.<sup>62</sup> Adding “hooks” to QIST in such public venues can be powerful, but care must be taken to ensure that messaging is realistic, accurate, and points towards opportunities for further learning. The science education and communication communities have experience to draw from, so the quantum community should work with other science outreach experts, and experts in diversity, equity, and inclusion to project a message that encourages a broad range of participants in a wide range of venues to support access by a broader audience. Finally, while there have been some QIST-focused science exhibitions at museums,<sup>63</sup> there is a clear opportunity to expand offerings to increase in-person and virtual informal exposure to QIST.

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<sup>57</sup> [https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/pcast-engage-to-excel-final\\_2-25-12.pdf](https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/pcast-engage-to-excel-final_2-25-12.pdf)

<sup>58</sup> <https://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2011/08/29/stem-education--its-elementary>

<sup>59</sup> Utility-value intervention with parents increases students’ STEM preparation and career pursuit, [doi:10.1073/pnas.1607386114](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1607386114)

<sup>60</sup> Developing a National STEM Workforce Strategy, [doi:10.17226/21900](https://doi.org/10.17226/21900)

<sup>61</sup> Influencing participation of underrepresented students in STEM fields: matched mentors and mindsets, [doi:10.1186/s40594-020-00219-2](https://doi.org/10.1186/s40594-020-00219-2)

<sup>62</sup> What the public thinks it knows about science, [doi:10.1038/sj.embor.7400040](https://doi.org/10.1038/sj.embor.7400040)

<sup>63</sup> <https://www.mos.org/press/press-releases/QMC2019Winner>

**Box 1: Key Concepts for QIS Learners**

An NSF sponsored workshop identified several Key Concepts for QIS Learners,<sup>64</sup> and produced a list with supporting fundamentals that can be curated, expanded, and adapted for students across computer science, mathematics, physics, and chemistry, as well as broader public audiences. Community input is welcomed, and related curricula are sought.<sup>65</sup> Key Concepts for QIS Learners include:

- Mathematics of probability, vectors, algebra, trigonometry, complex numbers, and linear transformations to describe the physical world via quantum mechanics
- The description of a quantum state
- Quantum measurement outcomes and applications
- The quantum bit, or qubit
- Entanglement and superposition
- Coherence and decoherence
- Quantum computers that solve certain complex computational problems more efficiently than classical computers
- Quantum communication using entanglement or a transmission channel, such as optical fiber, to transfer quantum information between different locations
- Quantum sensing using quantum states to detect and measure physical properties with the highest precision allowed by quantum mechanics

To read more about Key Concepts for QIS Learners see <https://qis-learners.research.illinois.edu/>

At the American high school level, some schools still do not offer physics courses, and a majority of students will not have taken a physics course during their K-12 education;<sup>66</sup> even fewer students have the option to take computer science courses.<sup>67</sup> Based on available data, it appears that only a small minority of these available classes include quantum physics or QIST concepts.<sup>68</sup> Furthermore, those schools that do offer these opportunities tend to have lower enrollment of people from backgrounds historically underrepresented in STEM fields.<sup>69</sup> Another major challenge is that only about 1/3 of high school physics teachers majored in physics.<sup>70</sup> Efforts, partially supported by NSF, are underway to provide critically needed teacher development opportunities, but they are still small and will need to grow.<sup>71,72</sup>

To start addressing teacher preparation, student access, and community awareness, NSF, in coordination with the NQCO, facilitated a workshop where a group of various stakeholders outlined nine key QIST concepts across computer science, mathematics, physics, and chemistry that could be further expanded and adapted for students as well as broader public audiences.<sup>73</sup> These Key Concepts

<sup>64</sup> <https://qis-learners.research.illinois.edu/>

<sup>65</sup> <https://q12education.org/learning-materials>

<sup>66</sup> [High School Physics Overview | American Institute of Physics \(aip.org\); hs-courses-enroll-13.pdf \(aip.org\)](#)

<sup>67</sup> [A Minuscule Percentage of Students Take High School Computer Science in the United States: Access Isn't Enough](#)

<sup>68</sup> Based on discussions with the American Association of Physics Teachers

<sup>69</sup> <https://www.future-ed.org/work/closing-the-excellence-gap/>

<sup>70</sup> [A Review of High School Physics Education in the United States of America](#)

<sup>71</sup> <https://quantumforall.org/>

<sup>72</sup> [NSF Award # 2015205 - Cross-Discipline Approach to Quantum Computing in High Schools: Building towards a Quantum Computing Workforce](#)

<sup>73</sup> <https://qis-learners.research.illinois.edu/>

for QIS Learners are highlighted in Box 1. Expansion of these concepts and related teaching tools, with engagement of high school teachers, is underway as part of a project with an NSF grant.<sup>74</sup> Connecting these efforts with a broader audience requires the efforts of the larger QIST community.

To this end, OSTP and NSF spearheaded the National Q-12 Education Partnership (Q-12 Partnership) to begin fostering and grow such a community. This partnership, between the Federal government, industry, professional societies, and the educational community, is working to expand access to K-12 quantum learning tools, and inspire the next generation of quantum leaders (See Figure 3).<sup>75</sup> The Q-12 Partnership is growing a curated list of resources for QIST education, with materials contributed from a growing variety of teachers, professors, and R&D leaders.

**National Q-12 Education Partnership**

Bringing together tech companies, professional societies, and academics to work across the quantum and STEM ecosystems to promote equitable learning opportunities for all ages and grow a diverse quantum-ready workforce to ensure that the quantum innovators of tomorrow can accelerate discoveries, invent new technologies, and drive societal change.

<http://q12education.org/>

**Access to learning resources**

- High-quality, age-appropriate learning materials and tools.
- Quantum activities in the classrooms.
- Pathways and content for students, teachers, and families to learn about QISE

**Careers outreach**

- Quantum Profiles.
- Community blog to share programs in quantum + STEM
- Explain quantum jobs and career pathways
- Events that connect QISE researchers with students and teachers

**Teacher Support**

- Summer teacher development workshops in QIS.
- QIS Teacher Townhalls to understand community needs.
- Teacher success stories bringing quantum into their classroom.

**Prep for future curricula**

- NSF QIS Key Concepts for future learners.
- Teacher-driven working groups to connect Key Concepts to Chemistry, Math, Physics, and C.S.
- Network of teachers and programs.

Figure 3: The National Q-12 Education Partnership is a collective effort to connect young students to QIST.

At the postsecondary level, a few colleges and universities have begun to offer introductory quantum courses that target non-STEM students.<sup>76</sup> These Quantum 101, or ‘quantum for all,’ courses provide a great opportunity to raise awareness and potentially draw students into the field. They can also be useful for adults or professionals in adjacent fields who want more background. Such courses can be offered in community colleges, military schools, as well as at a four-year college or university, including widely accessible teaching-focused state universities found throughout the nation. The latter have a higher proportion of first-generation college students as well as students from backgrounds historically underrepresented in STEM fields, providing a path for creating a diverse and inclusive QIST workforce. Some populations that take short courses or standalone classes for continuing professional education may also have opportunities to engage in QIST-related work in the near-term.

In conjunction with the above activities, building a bridge from educational pathways to training and work opportunities is an important step. Agencies, through existing and targeted programs, have begun to tackle this challenge. In 2020, the NSF issued two Dear Colleague Letters encouraging the submission of proposals for quantum-related activities at the K-12 level.<sup>77,78</sup> NSF’s Education and Human Resources

<sup>74</sup> [NSF Award # 2039745 - Q2Work: Supporting learners and educators to develop a competitive workforce in quantum information science and technology](#)

<sup>75</sup> <https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/SummaryQ12KickOffEvent.pdf>

<sup>76</sup> <https://www.edx.org/course/quantum-mechanics-for-everyone>

<sup>77</sup> [NSF Dear Colleague Letter: Advancing Quantum Education and Workforce Development \(NSF 21-033\)](#)

<sup>78</sup> [NSF Dear Colleague Letter: Advancing Educational Innovations that Motivate and Prepare PreK-12 Learners for Computationally-Intensive Industries of the Future \(NSF 20-101\)](#)

(EHR) directorate has also been funding teacher development opportunities,<sup>79,80</sup> and convergence activities for early quantum education.<sup>81</sup> NIST, for its part, leverages its Student High School Internship Program (SHIP) and Pathways program to give students hands-on opportunities to work in a lab, as the Army Research Office, Office of Naval Research, and Air Force Research Lab have done with intern and co-op programs. NASA's internship program includes a broad array of hands-on opportunities with NASA mentors, including in the areas of quantum computing and communication. See the Appendix for more examples of engagements by Agencies.

**Summary:** To develop the QIST workforce over the long term, more broadly available outreach, engagement, and early educational opportunities should be created and sustained. These opportunities should be designed to illustrate core principles, demystify QIST, highlight positive impacts on society, and explain QIST career options, while minimizing hype. Such activities should benefit the public, including educators, mentors, students, and families from all backgrounds. While QIST-based teacher development opportunities exist, they are still small in scale and too few students have the opportunity to engage with QIST core concepts. Enhanced education and outreach should be widely accessible and leverage promising practices in matters of diversity, equity, and inclusion.<sup>82</sup>

### 2.2 Recommendations for U.S. Government

- The NQCO should work with Agencies and the broader QIST ecosystem to amplify public outreach activities and incorporate clear and realistic descriptions of QIST advances, challenges, and opportunities.
- Government sponsored efforts that include workforce development activities, such as DOE's National Quantum Information Science Research Centers and NSF's Quantum Leap Challenge Institutes, should strive to create a positive and accurate branding of QIST. They should focus attention on realistic possibilities, and highlight ongoing efforts to create an environment that encourages, welcomes, and inspires involvement by everyone who might wish to participate.
- Agencies such as NSF and NASA should support efforts that promote the development of QIST awareness, starting with K-12 age groups. Such activities can add QIST concepts to existing education and outreach programs, invoke cultural and media institutions, leverage games, people profiles, experiences, and curricula to highlight QIST ideas, and build upon public-private partnerships such as the National Q-12 Education Partnership for QIS Education.
- Funding Agencies are encouraged to solicit and prioritize proposals for activities that widely disseminate key QIST concepts. Additional opportunities should be made available for grants and funding for QIST outreach and early education efforts. Opportunities to connect QIST-related activities with other K-12 initiatives should also be considered.
- Agencies should coordinate with each other and with professional societies and educational institutions to assess the level of engagement of various demographic groups in STEM, and QIST

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<sup>79</sup> [NSF Award # 2048691 - Preparing Secondary Teachers and Students for Quantum Information Science](#)

<sup>80</sup> [NSF Award # 2015205 - Cross-Discipline Approach to Quantum Computing in High Schools: Building towards a Quantum Computing Workforce](#)

<sup>81</sup> [NSF Award # 2040614 - Convergence Accelerator: National Quantum Literacy Workforce Curriculum and Training Network](#)

<sup>82</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/091621-Best-Practices-for-Diversity-Inclusion-in-STEM.pdf>

in particular, by tracking participation rates and studying potential barriers faced by individual groups, to determine how to improve, scale, and sustain participation in STEM fields.

- Stronger partnerships between museums/science centers and Agencies are recommended, to expand the intellectual breadth, geographic distribution, and accessibility of QIST exhibits, for example, by developing more digital exhibits and leveraging innovative approaches for hands-on, interactive engagement with broader audiences.

### 2.3 Opportunities for Academia, Industry and the Broader QIST Ecosystem

- QIST education research is needed. In addition to curriculum development, research on QIST education can inform workforce development approaches and programs. Assessing modules and lesson plans for K-12 courses and college-level Quantum 101 courses, and studying the educational impacts of such courses for both non-STEM and STEM majors can improve the way these concepts are taught, and broaden awareness of QIST concepts and career opportunities.
- To provide awareness of QIST concepts and career options, community colleges and other institutions that might not have formal QIST programs or courses can connect with local industries and universities to hold seminars, host speakers, and host outreach activities to highlight the need for vocational skills related to QIST, and showcase opportunities to pursue further studies through bridge programs, transfers, and higher education.
- To ensure broad access, the QIST community is encouraged to develop vetted and open-access repositories of learning resources that help students and educators find QIST lessons, games, simulations, laboratory demonstrations, or other media relevant for their knowledge, interest, and needs. Because the quality of a student's first contact with a subject is often a critical factor for their continued engagement, the formal assessment of early educational materials is paramount.
- Educators should stress the importance of mathematics and digital literacy, which are core competencies and indicators for future STEM engagement. Unfortunately, these are areas where U.S. students on the whole have room for improvement.<sup>83,84</sup> The overall benefits of STEM training should be emphasized, along with connections to other fields such as electrical and optical engineering, data science, computing and computer science, cyber-security, and artificial intelligence.
- The QIST education community is encouraged to continue working with secondary education teachers on the key concepts for QIST learners, so that the curated list and associated curricula connect to current science standards and learning objectives.<sup>85</sup> Materials and hands-on opportunities should be framed and written to promote both formal and informal engagement to target different audiences (e.g., math, computer science, or physics learners), while highlighting the field's transdisciplinary nature.

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<sup>83</sup> A study of the correlation between STEM career knowledge, mathematics self-efficacy, career interests, and career activities on the likelihood of pursuing a STEM career among middle school students, [doi:10.1186/s40594-018-0118-3](https://doi.org/10.1186/s40594-018-0118-3)

<sup>84</sup> <https://nces.ed.gov/timss/results19/index.asp#/math/intlcompare>

<sup>85</sup> For example: <https://q12education.org/learning-materials/framework>

### Action 3. Address QIST-Specific Gaps in Professional Education and Training Opportunities

**Goal: Optimize graduate education and training opportunities for jobs in QIST.**

Post-secondary education (post-high school education including professional certification, associate's, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, and professional retraining programs) serves a crucial role in providing the education, training, and skills needed to enter the QIST workforce. As mentioned previously, industry, government, and academia are seeking a workforce which possesses varied depths of QIST knowledge and skills, with a critical need for non-QIST-specific skills.<sup>86,87,88</sup>

Short-term workforce needs will likely be filled by a combination of recent graduates and mid-career workers that transition into QIST employment. The role of engineers cannot be overemphasized. Much of the workforce moving into QIST employment is likely to come from computer science and engineering, electrical engineering, materials engineering, and other closely related fields. The overlap of engineering skills required for the development of a host of quantum technologies has led to the catch all term of 'quantum engineering'.<sup>86</sup> These new roles offer a strong contrast to previous QIST educational strategies which focused mainly on physics departments. Support for the development of a range of part-time or evening professional certificate and degree programs with an engineering focus is important. Given the prevalence of master's degree programs in many QIST-relevant fields (engineering, computer science, etc.) the opportunity to retool for QIST via a QIST-focused master's degree will be important, and such curricula should be assessed with respect to the impact on workforce development and broadening participation. Also important is support for students who are fully employed or non-traditional workers looking to make a career shift or change. Finally, steps must be taken to ensure that prospective entrants to the QIST workforce are connected with the employers who need their skills.

Looking toward a future in which mature QIST technologies are available, opportunities for training end users to leverage QIST cannot be overlooked. The end-user group is currently undefined but expected to be broad and cross multiple domains. For example, doctors may be able to obtain improved brain images from QIST-enhanced MRI, and military commanders may use QIST systems to optimize problems that tackle complicated logistics challenges. Training of QIST end users is a longer-term objective that will most likely be modeled after other training approaches; however, they will be distinctly different due to the expectation that these professionals will stay in their traditional career role, utilizing the advantages of QIST with the addition of QIST expertise. Inspiration for curricula can be gleaned from computer science (CS), and CS+X education programs to train and develop workforces for the industry.<sup>89</sup> Here, the X stands in for other fields that would leverage CS. Similarly, Quantum+X education could catalyze interdisciplinary training for the emerging quantum industry.

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<sup>86</sup> Building a Quantum Engineering Undergraduate Program, [arXiv:2108.01311](https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.01311)

<sup>87</sup> Achieving a quantum smart workforce, [doi:10.1088/2058-9565/abfa64](https://doi.org/10.1088/2058-9565/abfa64)

<sup>88</sup> Preparing for the quantum revolution: What is the role of higher education, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.16.020131)

<sup>89</sup> <https://cs.illinois.edu/about/history-timeline>





Figure 4: The NQI and the FY20 NDAA authorized the creation of quantum institutes and centers to accelerate R&D in the United States. These networks of universities, companies, national laboratories, and Federal facilities play an outsized role in training the workforce, developing education materials and pathways, and performing public awareness campaigns at all levels.<sup>90- 100</sup> Examples of some of the ongoing efforts include: (1) job fairs that highlight different career pathways and opportunities for professional networking, (2) science outreach talks aimed at introducing a diverse group of students to QIST, (3) short schools and workshops focusing on both fundamental and applied QIST, (4) postdoctoral fellowships, (5) a portfolio of internships and apprenticeships for both undergraduate and graduate students, and (6) quantum education research. Learn more at [www.quantum.gov](http://www.quantum.gov).

Finally, improving participation will require removing barriers and improving the culture, at both the individual level and at institutions. For students, training for a QIST career can be demanding, with time and financial costs being contributing factors in the decision to start or continue training and education programs.<sup>101</sup> Similarly, some institutions<sup>102</sup> also face challenges entering the QIST community because providing cutting-edge learning experiences to students often requires capital intensive infrastructure and a stable base of in-house QIST talent.<sup>103,104,105</sup> To meet the demand of training a diverse QIST

<sup>90</sup> <https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/NQI-Annual-Report-FY2022.pdf>

<sup>91</sup> <https://quantumsystemsaccelerator.org/our-ecosystem/>

<sup>92</sup> <https://sqms.fnal.gov/workforce-development-opportunities/>

<sup>93</sup> <https://www.bnl.gov/quantumcenter/student-opportunities.php>

<sup>94</sup> <https://www.q-next.org/opportunities/>

<sup>95</sup> <https://qscience.org/opportunities/>

<sup>96</sup> <https://rqs.umd.edu/education/>

<sup>97</sup> <https://qubbe.uchicago.edu/research/workforce.html>

<sup>98</sup> <https://ciqc.berkeley.edu/educ-overview>

<sup>99</sup> <https://hqan.illinois.edu/education-and-workforce>

<sup>100</sup> <https://www.colorado.edu/research/qsense/workforce>

<sup>101</sup> Source: uncertainties in the job market, loss of employment benefits, caregiver responsibilities

<sup>102</sup> Institutions may include, but are not limited to, 2- and 4-years colleges, non-R-1 institutions, MSIs, and HBCUs.

<sup>103</sup> Minority serving institutions, [doi:10.17226/25257](https://doi.org/10.17226/25257)

<sup>104</sup> Community colleges in the evolving STEM education landscape [doi:10.17226/13399](https://doi.org/10.17226/13399)

<sup>105</sup> <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1111/ecge.12016>

workforce, there should be sustained investments to build education infrastructure and capacity at R2 and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs), Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Hispanics-Serving Institutions (HSIs), in order to enable their students to become QIST-aware, QIST-proficient, and QIST-experts. Efforts at each level must be undertaken to create an environment that not only welcomes participants of all backgrounds, but also removes barriers of entry into the QIST ecosystem, and strives to lower attrition of those who are engaged in the QIST workforce.

### 3.1 Current Landscape

The core concepts underpinning QIST are often taught in specialized, advanced undergraduate physics, chemistry, engineering, or computer science courses. However, much of the material in these courses still focuses on breakthroughs prior to the current era of QIST prototypes. This is also true of graduate coursework at most U.S. institutions, where the majority of educational engagement with QIST concepts and hands-on training has been available. Even at institutions with strong QIST programs, there are only a few examples where QIST concepts are deliberately included in the core curricula of fields such as engineering or computer science. However, curricula are beginning to change as schools start to offer thematic minor programs and introductory QIST courses.<sup>106</sup> QIST-focused certificate programs are also starting to be deployed.<sup>107,108</sup> In contrast, many international allies and competitors are already integrating QIST concepts at a much earlier stage, whether in physics departments or related areas.<sup>109</sup> The establishment of the U.S. NQI Centers and Institutes, Figure 4, is helping to provide additional training and educational opportunities.

Industry currently provides teaching materials, online access to quantum hardware, and certificate programs that are available to the public and educators. However, these efforts are mostly company-specific and do not focus on developing core concepts. As a result, these opportunities are most helpful to users who are already familiar with QIST concepts and want to build proficiency in the available tools.

**Summary:** Post-secondary education and training programs may have the greatest impact on the quality and adaptability of the U.S. QIST workforce. From undergraduate courses and internships to graduate research positions and cross-training opportunities, programs in higher education should include several on-ramps to facilitate pathways for students at all levels. A broad spectrum of training opportunities can meet the varied depth and disciplinary needs of QIST careers. Opportunities to up-skill or retrain researchers and professionals at various career stages are needed. Furthermore, recognizing that investments in education, training, and retraining can foster multiple points of entry and exit to/from QIST careers, it is valuable to develop programs that enable more workers to acquire skills that complement and support QIST R&D, even if they do not become subject matter experts. Industry has a crucial role, and is making important contributions to the QIST education landscape. There is, however, a need for broad engagement with professional educators to ensure that QIST

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<sup>106</sup> <https://www.compadre.org/per/items/5465.pdf>

<sup>107</sup> <https://professional.uchicago.edu/find-your-fit/professional-education/certificate-programs-quantum-engineering-and-technology>

<sup>108</sup> <https://learn-xpro.mit.edu/quantum-computing>

<sup>109</sup> Analysis of secondary school quantum physics curricula of 15 different countries: Different perspectives on a challenging topic, [doi:10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.15.010130](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevPhysEducRes.15.010130)

training opportunities create lasting, platform agnostic, value in the form of a broadly-skilled, agile, talent pool.

### 3.2 Recommendations for U.S. Government

- Agencies should look for ways to leverage graduate fellowships and undergraduate stipends to incentivize students to include QIST-related courses and research experiences in their educational pathway. For example, one could create a QuantumCorps scholarship program patterned after the successful NSF CyberCorps Scholarships for Service program.
- Agencies should support the creation of QIST career pivot programs that can retrain or up-skill professionals in adjacent fields. These programs can directly address QIST workforce needs by augmenting targeted skill sets for professionals in related specialties, or complementing partially-relevant skill sets with key additional knowledge, possibly through short courses, practice with new instrumentation, or certification with specific facilities, tools, or software. Such programs can also train QIST end users in various disciplines.
- Agencies should take advantage of existing programs, and develop new ones as need, that expand the range of institutions that can offer on-ramps to QIST jobs. Options include (but are not limited to) adding QIST to existing undergraduate and graduate curricula, giving students greater access to research infrastructure, and supporting faculty at a broader range of institutions to expand their own QIST knowledge and research programs.
- Agencies should encourage QIST curriculum development and curriculum research at several levels, including introductory courses, thematic minors, and master's programs. Assessment of these curricula should study how they support transitions among STEM fields and prepare participants for careers in QIST, and STEM more generally.
- Agencies should leverage public-private partnerships to support development of platform-independent resources for interested parties to engage with quantum computing hardware and software.
- Agencies should consider devoting additional resources for the development of QIST training courses that have significant hardware components, recognizing the pedagogical value of hands-on laboratory activities.

### 3.3 Opportunities for Academia, Industry and the Broader QIST Ecosystem

- Institutions of higher education can expand QIST courses and programs to increase opportunities for future workers and to build proficiencies that connect various specializations with QIST expertise. Opportunities include:
  - Formal (concentrations, minors, majors, and master's degrees) and informal (internships and externships) QIST programs that highlight QIST-specific challenges and techniques, with pathways to employment upon graduation.
  - QIST specific courses, which focus on the underlying science and theory, in addition to technologies and engineering aspects of QIST, with hands-on learning opportunities in software and hardware development and uses.
  - Short-term workforce needs can be addressed by QIST career pivot programs, including the development of relevant professional certificates, developed in conjunction with industry and non-profit associations, that target workers in QIS-adjacent/relevant fields.

- Institutions are recommended to develop and deploy a wide variety of resources for educators such as lesson plans, modules, courses, specializations, minors, and other potential courses of study at all education levels, and to encourage assessment and dissemination of such materials.
- Institutions are recommended to increase the adoption of skills training that crosses multiple technology areas in support of QIST. These include, but are not limited to, circuit testing and design, cryogenic engineering, microelectronics programming, nanofabrication techniques, and significant exposure to modern photonics and laser science.
- Employers from all sectors should continue to engage with educators and academic programs to provide guidance on how to align curricula and other educational experiences with changes occurring in the QIST economy.

## Action 4. Make Careers in QIST and Related Fields More Accessible and Equitable

**Goal: Reduce barriers to participation in QIST-related careers for everyone who may wish to work in this field. Increase the pool of talent available for QIST-related jobs throughout the Nation and in Federal Government, by strengthening and diversifying programs that have shaped and developed the QIST ecosystem thus far. Grow the QIST ecosystem further by including entities, institutions, and organizations that have not yet been engaged in QIST activities.**

As the need for QIST expertise grows, we must ensure that considerations of diversity, equity, and inclusion play a key role in all developments. We must continue – and augment – the approaches that have led to U.S. leadership in QIST by developing multiple on-ramps for individuals from all areas of science and all backgrounds to ensure that the United States remains a world-leader. We also must maintain a welcoming environment for talent entering from outside the United States. Finally, we must ensure that the specific needs of the Federal government are addressed. Here, “we” refers to the entire QIST R&D and education community, including Agencies, industry, academic institutions at all levels, non-profits, and professional societies.

Maintaining and growing a robust pool of experts begins by supplementing and expanding the approaches that have made QIST a success in the United States over the past 25 years. To this end, the NSO highlighted the ongoing role and need for continued support and expansion of fundamental research, and encouraged the creation of more interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary opportunities. The former can be met through continued support and appropriate strengthening of existing research training programs offered by Agencies. The latter can be accomplished with special programs that bring together subject matter experts from different disciplines in a coherent fashion, for example, to work on aspects of a project or a grand challenge through joint efforts, or with supplemental funding of graduate students advised by QIST faculty from multiple university departments. The National QIS Centers and Institutes highlighted in Figure 4 serve as good examples, but more efforts and additional on-ramps into the field are required.

Programs should be developed that increase the research capacity of institutions not yet deeply involved in QIST and provide new opportunities for students to participate in QIST research at a greater number of institutions. A prime example of such a program is the recent NSF solicitation “Expanding Capacity in Quantum Information Science and Engineering (ExpandQISE).” The ExpandQISE program is designed to engage the full spectrum of research talent by helping build and maintain a close connection between new efforts and the existing impactful work done at the QISE Centers (shown in Fig. 4) and other leading QISE research Institutions, while creating and nurturing the necessary critical mass at institutions not yet fully involved in QISE.<sup>110</sup>

As in the ExpandQISE program, considerations of diversity, equity, and inclusion must lie at the core of how the community moves forward. A diverse, equitable, and inclusive workforce leads to a more innovative environment, helping ensure that the technologies developed and the problems to which they are applied benefit the most people. As previously mentioned, QIST is currently composed of

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<sup>110</sup> <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2022/nsf22561/nsf22561.htm>

several fields that have traditionally struggled to achieve diverse and equitable environments. This must be changed. Much work has been done over the last decade with varying degrees of success, and many lessons can be learned from current efforts in these and other fields.<sup>111–115</sup> However, taking these lessons, applying them, and generating change in QIST and beyond must be the focus of deliberate actions that begin immediately. For example, the TEAM-UP report recommends efforts be undertaken to create an inclusive environment, where all participants see a positive role for themselves in the community. Showcasing a diverse set of individuals through QIST profiles is a pillar of the Q-12 Partnership, and provides an opportunity for further engagement in this effort across the QIST community. Another example of such a deliberate action is requiring that the makeup of QIST panels and workshop attendees reflect the broad community of participants, ensuring that all gatherings encourage participation by people from backgrounds historically underrepresented in STEM.<sup>116</sup>

The QIST community needs to undertake a careful analysis of its efforts and ensure policies are being translated into practices and action, with their effectiveness monitored.<sup>117</sup> This report recognizes the outstanding challenges that still remain to be addressed, and recommends a focused effort over the next year to develop a QIST-specific understanding of these challenges at all levels and on-ramps, along specific actions beyond those noted in this report. This effort should start with listening sessions on how diversity, equity, and inclusion impact each level of QIST education and training, and their respective on-ramps to the field.

As we work to grow the QIST talent pool, it is also important to recognize the vital role that international participants have in the U.S. QIST ecosystem.<sup>118</sup> They participate in and contribute to almost all facets of the ecosystem. They study and carry out research as undergraduate and graduate students, perform independent research as post-docs, and lead research programs in industry and academia. Many immigrate to the United States, where they continue to contribute in a variety of ways, including in federal service. Others move back to their home countries or establish programs in new locations, which strengthens the global network of collaborators. The success of the U.S. enterprise has relied, and will continue to rely upon, this integral component of the QIST workforce.

The Federal government requires QIST subject matter experts to conduct cutting-edge research, inform policy decisions made by senior leaders, and oversee the strategic portfolio of government investments in QIST. The careful and dedicated work of civil servants over the last three decades has contributed significantly to shepherding the field to its current state, and will continue to play a vital role in future. The field's continued maturation will benefit from a steady stream of talented individuals working in government, who can develop and manage the next generation of programs that advance the science and develop QIST-related technologies. In contrast to jobs in academia and industry, most Federal government jobs have additional requirements, such as U.S. citizenship. The fact that more than half of

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<sup>111</sup> <https://www.aip.org/sites/default/files/aipcorp/files/teamup-full-report.pdf>

<sup>112</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/091621-Best-Practices-for-Diversity-Inclusion-in-STEM.pdf>

<sup>113</sup> Engineering societies' activities in promoting diversity and inclusion, [doi:10.17226/25323](https://doi.org/10.17226/25323)

<sup>114</sup> Promising practices for addressing the underrepresentation of women in science, engineering, and medicine, [doi:10.17226/25585](https://doi.org/10.17226/25585)

<sup>115</sup> Transforming trajectories for women of color in tech, [doi:10.17226/26345](https://doi.org/10.17226/26345)

<sup>116</sup> <https://www.nih.gov/about-nih/who-we-are/nih-director/statements/time-end-man-el-tradition>

<sup>117</sup> <https://chicagoquantum.org/events/open-quantum-initiative-workshop-building-a-diverse-quantum-ecosystem>

the conferred QIST-related graduate degrees are awarded to foreign national students emphasizes the need for promotion of available pathways to U.S. citizenship for those STEM-educated foreign nationals who are interested, as part of a balanced workforce development strategy. This strategy should incorporate the requirements specific to the Federal government by investing in the development of a domestic workforce across the QIST-aware, -proficient, and -expert levels.<sup>118</sup> Reaching out to the vast pool of domestic talent currently not part of the STEM workforce and ensuring that these individuals can identify a role to play has tremendous potential to addressing this need.

Finally, in planning the development of talent, one must heed the necessary timelines for education and training. For example, prioritizing increases for basic research staffing in QIST can increase the expert workforce within two years (by funding postdocs and engaging MS students) or over five to ten years (by engaging PhD, or undergraduates who may continue in the field). To fill immediate needs (6 months – 1 year), the existing talent pool of professional academic, industrial, national lab, and government science and technology experts are well-positioned to make lateral moves into QIST. This transition can be facilitated if assistance and incentives are provided, either through government- or privately-sponsored programs. For example, sabbaticals, fellowships, and professional exchange programs offer avenues for experts to stay at the forefront of the field, while also providing opportunities for attaining skills in QIST.

### 4.1 Current Landscape

QIST workforce development is often achieved through hands-on training opportunities supported by Agencies that conduct and fund basic research in QIST and adjacent fields. Funding helps to support research assistantships, internships, fellowships, and summer programs for students and postdocs. In some cases, this can serve as a bridge to federal employment. For example, the NIST-NRC Postdoctoral Research Associateship program brings in researchers as temporary federal employees, making the transition to a federal career easier.<sup>119</sup> While support for basic research in QIST has mostly increased across the QIST-relevant S&T Agencies over the past five years, Agencies are still struggling to hire and retain QIST experts. Hiring challenges are largely fueled by pay disparity between competing industry and government offers, lengthy on-boarding times, and requirements for extensive background checks that can prolong the hiring process.<sup>120</sup> Additionally, better public information campaigns are needed to highlight federal employment opportunities in QIST, for instance in the DOD labs and the Laboratory for Physical Science (LPS). Finally, working within the existing hiring framework is compressing pay scales, which carries the threat of motivating existing government experts to consider looking for more lucrative employment outside the government.

With respect to adapting talent, development programs and fellowships, such as the NSF Quantum Computing & Information Science (QCIS) Faculty Fellows program, the DOD Vannevar Bush Faculty Fellowship (VBFF) Program, the DoD Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI), the DoD Laboratory University Collaboration Initiative (LUCI) Fellowship, as well as the visiting scholar programs and senior technical leadership development programs are important in facilitating exchanges

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<sup>118</sup> [https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021\\_NSTC\\_ESIX\\_INTL\\_TALENT\\_QIS.pdf](https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/2021_NSTC_ESIX_INTL_TALENT_QIS.pdf)

<sup>119</sup> <https://www.nist.gov/iaao/academic-affairs-office/nist-nrc-postdoctoral-research-associateships-program>

<sup>120</sup> <https://www.quantum.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Summary-QIS-Fed-Workforce-JAN2022.pdf>

between industry, academia, and the government. Finally, all Agencies recognize that QIST has become an activity involving a cross section of disciplines, and have started to look at ways to assemble much-needed multi-disciplinary teams to address major challenges.<sup>121</sup>

**Summary:** As the field of QIST advances, we must ensure all available sources of talent can participate. The United States will need a strong domestic workforce, including a growing number of people with QIST expertise who can be cleared to work in Government jobs. Taking deliberative steps to address inequities and grow a diverse workforce is required to meet the coming challenges. While continued support and expansion of core QIST-related research programs and training opportunities is one crucial avenue for the development of such talent, additional opportunities for training through internships and fellowships at Federal facilities can expand the pipeline, offering an important pathway for attracting talent to the Federal government. Finally, while domestic talent is deeply needed, the U.S. must also continue to support and recognize the importance of international talent in the QIST ecosystem.

### 4.2 Recommendations for U.S. Government

- The SCQIS and its workforce IWG should undertake a series of listening sessions and community engagements to develop an increased understanding of diversity, equity, and inclusion in QIST. A key focus should be understanding how the different on-ramps to the QIST workforce can be made more equitable. Such efforts will require community engagement, and this report should serve as a starting point for expanding this conversation.
- The SCQIS and its workforce IWG should coordinate with the NSTC Committee on STEM Education (Co-STEM) as they implement the STEM Education Strategic Plan. Coordination should help identify best practices and lessons learned across STEM to support actions and activities that can be tailored to QIST, which will increase diversity and enable an equitable and inclusive environment.
- Agencies should continue to support and invest in core R&D programs that train experts in disciplines related to QIST. This includes research experiences and mentoring at a wide variety of colleges and universities, including investments in MSI, R2, and community colleges.
- Agencies represented on the SCQIS and ESIX should collaborate to create QIST learning and training opportunities for Federal government staff.
- Agencies should review and maximize hiring authorities that enable them to be competitive in attracting and retaining talent to work on QIST topics. Such reviews should look at policies that provide professional support and educational opportunities to retain and advance entry of mid-career employees.
- Internships and externships can assist prospective individuals in exploring job options in the QIST workforce by creating opportunities for people at various career stages, or at various stages of education, to spend time in industry, government facilities, and national laboratories. Agencies should encourage institutes, centers, and other large efforts to foster internships and externships, as well as interdisciplinary collaborations and hiring practices, and support research programs that expand QIST training opportunities such as sabbaticals, fellowships, and visiting scholar programs.

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<sup>121</sup> Details of these programs can be found on individual agency websites and at [quantum.gov](https://www.quantum.gov)



- The Government should strive to increase access to hands-on learning opportunities – especially for students and faculty at institutions that do not have extensive research infrastructure – by leveraging Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) and Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) activities at NSF-funded university sites, NSF Quantum Leap Challenge Institutes, NIST, and the DOE-supported National QIS Research Centers, and also in research facilities operated by DOD, including its designated DOD QIST Centers.
- Agencies should expand support for efforts that build communities such as the QED-C, NSF-industry partnerships, TRIPLETS, INTERN, Convergence Accelerator, DOD MURI programs, and other approaches. Such programs may be tailored to connect potential students to industry and other job opportunities. These activities should include outreach efforts to ensure that students are aware of, and have access to, opportunities in industry that have similar objectives and complement government-sponsored programs.
- Agencies should strive to expand opportunities for post-graduate QIST work within Federal laboratories through programs like the NIST-NRC Postdoctoral Research Associateship that provide a bridge to Federal government employment.
- Agencies should also contribute to, and support contributions to, the *quantum profiles* (see Figure 2 and Sec. 4.3) to illustrate impactful career paths.
- Agencies should work to ensure that QIST education and workforce activities connect with and leverage the larger list of STEM activities supported across the Federal government.
- Agencies should cooperate with international partners to enable circulation and growth of talent through exchange programs and other mechanisms.

### 4.3 Opportunities for Academia, Industry and the Broader QIST Ecosystem

- The QIST community is encouraged to develop a campaign that promotes careers in QIST through *QIST profiles*.<sup>122</sup> This effort should work to spotlight the breadth of roles, skills, and levels of knowledge needed throughout the QIST ecosystem. Marketing should highlight a broad range of participants and opportunities from diverse racial, ethnic, and gender backgrounds, as well as educational diversity (e.g., R2, community colleges, and MSI educational paths), serving as a means to connect with underrepresented groups. Resources should be Section 508 compliant to ensure universal accessibility.
  - Industry is encouraged to play a role in this effort, highlighting careers and continuing to contribute to the development of accessible QIST platforms and learning tools.
  - The QIST community should develop studies that seek to understand how language, images, and media inspire different target populations (students, general public, educators, etc.) to develop positive branding that resonates with, and is accessible to, a diverse audience.
- To recruit students and professionals with diverse backgrounds, the QIS R&D community can create unique experiences that give learners a chance to see QIST “in action” and demonstrate how individuals with widely different talents can make a meaningful contribution to the field.
- The academic community can encourage long-term mentorship of QIST students, alumni, and workers to guide these individuals throughout their educational and career paths, improving

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<sup>122</sup> <https://q12education.org/about/careers>

retention of talent, especially of people from backgrounds that are historically underrepresented in STEM.

- Institutes, centers, and other large group efforts can nurture interdisciplinary collaborations and hiring practices, to expand QIST training opportunities and grow the impact of QIST R&D.
- The industrial and academic communities can work to strengthen recruitment and retention of domestic and international QIST talent into U.S. companies and universities.
- The industrial and academic communities can work with quantum consortia and professional societies to identify mechanisms (internships, externships, extended visits, training programs, and partnerships) to increase the quality, diversity, and flow of QIST workers across sectors, connecting them to employment opportunities, and identify levers to encourage more interaction across disciplines and recruit more talent into QIST.

### Conclusion

The United States has invested in QIST through focused research programs, technology transfer, and national and global infrastructure for over 25 years. The establishment of the National Quantum Initiative is a bold acknowledgement that QIST R&D is important and that a substantial workforce in this area is needed. An appropriately educated and trained workforce is vital to ensure the United States and international allies reap the benefits that QIST can bring to national and economic security. Healthy development of QIST manufacturing and supply chains, infrastructure, discoveries, and innovations all depend upon a robust, talented, and agile workforce. Furthermore, advances in technologies often come from the confluence of outstanding talent and the emergence of unforeseen applications that naturally arise from foundational research. Due to the massive increase in investments that are helping spur technological development in QIST, workforce adaptability is crucial in hedging against the near-term hurdles that must be overcome to remain competitive in this global enterprise.

As QIST evolves, education and training at all levels, from K-12 to graduate education and beyond, will need to keep pace to fill the workforce gaps. To aptly inform QIST curriculum development, outreach, and education programs will require coordination and feedback mechanisms between industry, academia, national labs, and government to assess the evolving, highly varied, and interdisciplinary QIST workforce needs and skills. Developing the national workforce will require drawing on all available talent by broadening outreach, and by increasing learning and professional opportunities for people from all backgrounds and from a larger range of institutions. To improve engagement, special care must be taken with regards to the branding of QIST, to increase awareness of breakthroughs, and to improve public engagement. Additionally, policy actions relevant to QIST in the area of workforce, education, and broadening participation should be continuously assessed at all levels.

The health of the QIST ecosystem depends on the combined and highly interdependent work and workforce produced by academia, government, national labs, and industry. Sustained investment in this growing ecosystem will support continued discoveries and breakthroughs in QIST, the inception of future technologies, and the development of top talent.

### Appendix: QIST Opportunities Supported by Federal Agencies

Below is a sample of the education and training opportunities offered by several of the Agencies engaged in QIST. The majority of the mentioned programs here have explicit connections to QIST. Learn more about QIST opportunities by going to [www.quantum.gov](http://www.quantum.gov) and exploring individuals agencies websites.

**DOD:** The DOD's basic research agencies in the individual services – the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR), the Army Research Office (ARO), and the Office of Naval Research (ONR) – as well as the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the three service labs, support QIST workforce development through existing programs such as the Vannevar Bush Faculty Fellowship Program (VBFF), the Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI), the Laboratory University Collaboration Initiative (LUCI), Single Investigator grants, the Science Math and Research for Transformation (SMART) program, and the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship program. These offer opportunities connecting extramural researchers to the service labs, through internships for students and educators, fellowships for students and postdocs, summer programs for students and faculty, and outreach activities for students and teachers ranging from K-12 through post-secondary education. Notably, many of these activities involve the international research community through grants and open-campus initiatives. Organizations within DOD have also sponsored a variety of QIST-specific summer schools, and the Quantum Computing Graduate Research (QuaCGR) Fellowship Program. QuaCGR is sponsored jointly by the ARO and the Laboratory for Physical Sciences (LPS) to stimulate U.S. graduate student participation in research related to quantum computing, and to assist in the training of graduate students to prepare them for careers in quantum information science.

Individual government organizations stood up a number of internal quantum-focused courses for their existing workforce, while also leveraging those provided by industry. Opportunities to aid the workforce in attaining QIST laboratory skills were set up with various government laboratories by offering off-site tours at their facilities. Engagement with the U.S. Naval War College (USNWC) brought insight into potential technologies for future operational vignettes. Summer internships of SMART, NREIP, Pathways Students, and NDSEG interns were specifically crafted to provide exposure to and experience with QIST.

**DOE:** The DOE's mission includes workforce development activities that either produce a workforce in areas of DOE need or make use of the unique resources at DOE's 17 National Laboratories. In addition to programs that provide visiting faculty, undergraduate, graduate, and community college students with opportunities to do research at DOE's labs, the five NQIA-authorized National QIS Research Centers will sponsor QIST-specific workforce development activities.

**IARPA:** IARPA's mandate is to conduct cross-community research, target new opportunities and innovations, and generate revolutionary capabilities. Workforce development is accomplished through numerous research programs, some of which are tailored towards QIST. IARPA also participates in the ODNI Intelligence Community postdoctoral program.

**NASA:** Through its internship and Pathways programs, NASA engages directly with STEM students to develop their understanding and build connections with NASA's subject matter experts. Within NASA's Space Communications and Navigation (SCaN) Program, NASA focuses on quantum communication in

its SCaN Internship Project (SIP) at the high school junior through PhD candidate levels, as well as outreach with the general public and in K-12 schools. Through the Quantum Artificial Intelligence Lab (QuAIL) group, NASA mentors' students at all levels in quantum computing, quantum sensing, and quantum-enhanced machine learning, that includes seeking physics insights in order to co-design robust quantum hardware, developing high performance quantum circuit simulators, designing quantum software tools and algorithms, and implementing end-user applications on emerging quantum hardware.

**NIST:** The primary means by which NIST supports the QIST workforce development is via technical and scientific training of university graduate students, postdoctoral researchers and guest researchers who participate in the NIST mission and programs, its joint institutes (JILA, JQI, and QuICS), its Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program, and its Summer High School Intern Program (SHIP).

**NSA:** NSA takes a holistic approach to workforce development and actively invests in national and local activities to broaden STEM participation. In addition to participating in most of DOD's workforce programs, NSA offers a range of STEM-focused opportunities that are regularly used for QIST workforce development. These include internships, scholarships, a co-op program, and more for students starting in high school and continuing beyond advanced degrees. LPS has also initiated both national and targeted quantum computing fellowships for graduate students, and participates in the ODNI IC Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program. In addition, LPS has also created a national-level quantum information science research center supporting fundamental research, workshops, and QIST co-curricular activities for post-secondary education students.

**NSF:** At the NSF, all aspects of education, from K-12, undergraduate, and graduate levels are addressed together with teacher training and development, informal education, broadening participation and inclusion, diversity, and partnership. This is achieved by a suite of programs that are also open to QIST-specific needs.<sup>123</sup> NSF also has QIST-specific programs, such as the "TRIPLETS" program that funds a university PI, industrial partner, and graduate student to work together over a period of three years; the Quantum Computing and Information Science Faculty Fellows (QCIS-FF) program; and the Quantum Leap Challenge Institutes (QLCI) program that funds multidisciplinary teams. NSF is continuously assessing the effectiveness of their programs in addressing dynamically changing challenges, such as making sure the opportunities for growth in competitiveness are made available to all institutions.

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<sup>123</sup> [NSF Dear Colleague Letter: Advancing Quantum Education and Workforce Development \(NSF 21-033\)](#)

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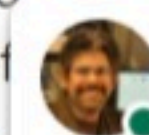
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## About the job

### Description

The AWS Center for Quantum Computing in Pasadena, CA, is looking to hire a Research Scientist specializing in Mixed-Signal Design. Working alongside other scientists and engineers, you will design and validate hardware performing the control and readout functions for AWS quantum processors. Candidates must have a strong background in high-speed, mixed-signal design at the printed circuit board (PCB) level. Working effectively within a cross-functional team environment is critical. The ideal candidate will have



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Malibu, CA (On-site)

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HRL Laboratories, LLC  
Malibu, CA (On-site)

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New York, NY

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Berkeley, CA (On-site)

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### Quantum Computing Research - Principal Software Engineer

HRL Laboratories, LLC

## System Integration Engineer, Quantum

Malibu, CA · Reposted 2 weeks ago · 40 applicants

\$132.8K/yr - \$166K/yr · On-site · Full-time · Mid-Senior level

1,001-5,000 employees · Research Services

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Based in Southern California with locations in Malibu, Calabasas, Westlake Village and Camarillo; HRL has been on the leading edge of technology, conducting pioneering research and advancing the state of the art.

#### Essential Duties

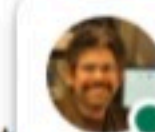
Create and perform advanced measurements that utilize spin qubits to fully validate control systems.

Develop, implement, and document measurement techniques and use them to characterize control system performance, including signal generation and transmission.

Design and test of analog/mixed-signal integrated circuits including data converters, signal generation and signal processing circuits, and RF/ microwave electronics.

Contribute to specification and design of custom electronic equipment.

Perform on a highly collaborative technical teams that tackle high-risk, high-impact



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Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) **4.0** ★  
Laurel, MD 20723

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- Support ongoing programs in **quantum information science** by making immediate contributions to efforts that are looking to implement **quantum** characterization,...

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Sandia National Laboratories **4.2** ★  
Livermore, CA

*Pay information not provided* **Full-time** +1

- PhD in condensed matter physics, electrical engineering, materials **science**, or other related sciences.
- Experience with topological **quantum** materials and III-V...

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Sandia National Laboratories **4.2** ★  
Albuquerque, NM

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- Perform research and development in **quantum information** and **quantum** sensing using ions trapped with micro-fabricated/chip-based devices.

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**Quantum Computing Postdoctoral Fellow**

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory **4.2** ★  
San Francisco Bay Area, CA

**\$77,172 - \$103,704 a year** **Full-time**

- In this exciting role, you will be responsible for research focused on the development of programming models, software tools, error mitigation and partial error...

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**Advanced Embedded Software Developer**

General Dynamics Mission Systems, Inc **3.6** ★  
Hybrid work in Canonsburg, PA 15317

**\$107,500 - \$125,000 a year** **Full-time**

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Azimuth Corporation **3.8** ★  
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- Bachelor's degree or higher in business or science/engineering field.
- The ideal candidate will execute projects for an array of DoD customers and in a variety...

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QUANTUM WORLD TELE SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED  
Durham, NC 27701 (Duke Park area)

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**Monday to Friday** +3

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- Bachelor's or master's degree in computer **science**, **information** systems, or related field.
- In this role, this person will apply in-depth knowledge of complex...

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**Facilities and Logistics Coordinator**

Lake Shore Cryotronics Inc  
Westerville, OH 43082

**\$27 an hour**

- L. Compare and identify discrepancies, counts, weights, or measures of incoming shipments to verify **information** against packing list or BOL (bill of lading).

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**Advanced Quantum Scientist**

Booz Allen  
Rome, NY

**\$67,600 - \$154,000 a year** **Full-time**

- Experience with theory and experimentation of **quantum** materials or qubit control as demonstrated through scientific publications.

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**Sr. Researcher, Optics and Photonics**

Raytheon Research Center  
East Hartford, CT 06118

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Amazon Web Services, Inc. - A97  
New York, NY 10007

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- Advanced degree highly preferred such as engineering, computer **science**, or MIS a plus.
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General Dynamics Mission Systems, Inc **3.6** ★  
Scottsdale, AZ 85257 (South Scottsdale area)

**\$111,123.40 - \$123,277.60 a year** **Full-time**

- Applicants selected will be subject to a U.S. Government security investigation and must meet eligibility requirements for access to classified information.

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**2025 Quantum Computing Applied Research Summer Associate**

JPMorgan Chase & Co  
New York, NY 10017

**\$135,000 - \$155,000 a year** **Full-time**

- Experience in Theory of **quantum** algorithmic speedups (query complexity upper and lower bounds, universal techniques such as phase estimation, **quantum** counting,...

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**Quantum Communications Scientist**

Leidos  
Alabama

**\$101,400 - \$183,300 a year** **Full-time**

- Candidate must have the following experience in quantum-relevant areas identified above:
- Ideation and development of a future **Quantum** laboratory and testbed...

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Arlington, WA 98223 (Smokey Point Manufacturing/Industrial Center area)

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- Preserves assets by implementing disaster recovery and back-up procedures and **information** security and control structures.
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