Berkeley Physics Wants You!

Here are **SEVEN** reasons to select the #1 ranked Physics Department in the world!

1. **We’re #1 in the world!**
   The 2014 Academic Ranking of World Universities, also known as the ‘Shanghai Ranking’ cited UC Berkeley Physics as the top institution in the world among schools with Ph.D programs. Berkeley Physics’ ranking focused not only on academic excellence but research accomplishments and program breadth. And in the latest U.S. News & World Report rankings of public national universities, UC Berkeley ranked first for the 17th straight year.

2. **A rich history & eight Nobel Laureates**
   Since the arrival of two young professors (Ernest Orlando Lawrence and J. Robert Oppenheimer) in 1939, Berkeley Physics has helped to shape the history of the world. The faculty has included eight Nobel winners – beginning with E.O. Lawrence and continuing through present day laureates Saul Perlmutter (2011) and George Smoot (2006) – both of whom continue to actively engage with grad students and undergrads. Alumni and and students have also contributed to seven additional Nobel Prizes – bringing Berkeley Physics’ affiliated tally to 15 Nobel Laureates.

3. **Opportunities to thrive**
   Through the Physics Graduate Student Association and organizations like COMPASS, students have the opportunity to work with faculty mentors and industry leaders. The department holds two prestigious public lectures each year – bringing in inspirational and award-winning scientists who often insist on direct student access!
   As a graduate student in Physics, you’ll join a strong campus community of approximately 10,400 post-degree learners and 130 academic departments.

4. **A strong commitment to grants, funding and scholarships**
   As one of the most revered departments on the UC Berkeley campus, Physics is afforded strong support for research, grants and student stipends. This year, approximately 42 students were directly supported by such institutions as the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy, NASA, the Hertz Foundation as well as through internal UC fellowships – often made possible by our committed supporters and donors.

5. **A diverse community**
   Berkeley Physics has a strong commitment to diversity and to ensuring resources are made available to strengthen historically under-represented groups. Grad students play an essential role in this process – through active participation in such clubs as Society of Women in the Physical Sciences Group (SWPS) and IGenspectrum (LGBT community).

6. **Award winning faculty**
   Berkeley Physics operates on the strength of 42 committed faculty – all of whom look to fill and recruit research positions.
   University partnerships and the department’s unique location allow for collaborations with Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) and the Space Science Laboratory (SSL), as well as with faculty in other departments.

7. **A bright future**
   Berkeley Physics is built on a simple premise – strive for the infinite potential of all who grace our halls and provide them with unparalleled opportunities for success. Challenges await... discoveries occur... and accomplishments abound.
   Join us and create our next chapter in history!

“Berkeley is a place where the brightest minds from across the globe come together to explore, ask questions and improve the world.”

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