

# USER GUIDE



One website that lets you search and compare 200+ graduate programs in the physical sciences.

## STEP 1



Go to GradSchoolShopper.com and click "sign up" to start a new account (if you already have an account, log in to get started).

This is the only way to save and compare your future searches.

A screenshot of the GradSchoolShopper.com website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Search', 'Browse Programs by', 'Sort Programs by', 'About', 'Contact Us', and 'Feedback'. On the right side of this bar, 'Log in' and 'Sign up' links are circled in red. Below the navigation bar is the main header with the site logo and a search bar. The search bar contains the text 'Find your school' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar is an 'Advanced search' button. The main content area features a large green box with the text 'Find your graduate program in the physical sciences.' and a search bar with the text 'Search by school name, location, or specialty.' Below this are three columns of links: 'Sort Graduate Programs by' (with links for Acceptance rate, Financial aid package, Research budget, Grants &amp; research expenditures, Department size, Faculty, enrollments, and degrees granted), 'Browse Graduate Programs by' (with links for GRE requirements, TOEFL requirements, Admission deadlines, Financial aid deadlines, Specialties for degree program, Departmental research specialties, and Institutional &amp; Department location), and 'Get the Book' (with a book cover for '2018 GradSchoolShopper').

## STEP 2

GradSchoolShopper.com

Create a new GradSchoolShopper account

Creating an account on GradSchoolShopper.com is quick, easy, and FREE.

Please complete the form below to create your account. All fields are required.

First name:

Last name:

Email address:

Re-Enter Email address:

Password:

Re-Enter Password:

I'm not a robot

reCAPTCHA

Create Account



The form that pops up is easy to fill out and free, and it will help you save and compare schools like the sample chart below:

GradSchoolShopper.com

Compare your saved schools

[Back to my saved schools](#)

Note: Click on the "X" button to hide the row.  
Click on the "Back to my saved schools" button to re-select the saved schools to compare.

School	Department	Application deadline	Acceptance rate	General GRE	GRE Physics	Average stipend (per academic year)		
						Fellowship (\$)	RA (\$)	TA (\$)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Physics	Fall: 01/31/2018	25%	yes required	yes required	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$22,500
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State University of New York at Albany	Physics	Fall: 03/01/2017 Spring: 11/02/2016	12.5%	no	no			\$17,500
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Physics, Applied Physics and Astronomy	Fall: 01/01/2018 Spring: 06/15/2018	26.72%	yes required	yes required	\$28,750	\$22,000	\$22,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania State University	Physics	Fall: 01/15/2018	17.64%	yes required	yes required	\$21,555	\$21,555	\$21,555

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## STEP 3



After creating your account, you should be automatically logged in. If your name doesn't appear at the top right, log in with your new account, then click "Advanced search."

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Log in Sign up

GradSchoolShopper.com

Find your graduate program in the physical sciences.

Search by school name, location, or specialty.

Find your school Search

Advanced search

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## STEP 4



This is where you personalize your search. After indicating degree type, select the physics specialty(ies), region(s), or state(s) you wish to consider:

Advanced Search

Search Browse Programs by: Sort Programs by: About Contact Us Feedback Jeff Bebee Logout

School name

Specialty for degree program (Check any that apply)

- Atmosphere, Space Physics, Cosmic Rays
- Atomic, Nuclear, and Optical Physics
- Chemical Physics
- Climate/Atmospheric Science
- Computational Physics
- Computer Science

Degree type

- PhD
  - Experimental
  - Theoretical
- Final Year
- Enroute to PhD

Location (U.S. regions, U.S. States, International. Check any that apply)

U.S. Regions

- New England
- Mid-Atlantic
- South
- Southwest
- West

U.S. States

- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota

International

- China
- Hong Kong
- Ireland
- New Zealand

## STEP 5



Your personalized results will look like this:

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Search results

You searched: Subject: Computational Physics  
Location: New England, Mid-Atlantic, CT, DC, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
Degree type: PhD: experimental  
Showing results 1-4 of 4

To compare schools, press the "Save" button for each school you want to compare.

Map showing search results in the New England region.

- Pennsylvania State University – Department of Physics  
University Park, PA [Save](#)
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – Department of Physics, Applied Physics, and Astronomy  
Troy, NY [Save](#)
- State University of New York at Albany – Department of Physics  
Albany, NY [Save](#)
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute – Department of Physics  
Worcester, MA [Save](#)

## STEP 6



Save all of the schools that matched your criteria, then go to your account page.



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## STEP 7



Check the schools you wish to compare and then click “Compare my schools” at the bottom:

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#### Your account

**My profile**  
Name: User name  
Email: jbebee@aip.org  
[Edit your profile](#)  
Change your password

**Compare my saved schools**

Select All

- Worcester Polytechnic Institute – Physics [Remove](#)
- State University of New York at Albany – Physics [Remove](#)
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute – Physics, Applied Physics, and Astronomy [Remove](#)
- Pennsylvania State University – Physics [Remove](#)
- University of California, Davis – Physics [Remove](#)

[Compare my schools](#)

# STEP 8



Compare your schools based on different criteria, such as, acceptance rates, stipends, and more...

Now you have the data to make an informed choice!

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