

Statement of objectives

The MIT Department of Physics strives to admit students who have the potential to succeed at MIT academically; who will drive forward their fields as future researchers and teachers in academia and as leaders in industry; as well as who will make contributions to and be upstanding members of our department community. In your statement of purpose, please summarize your interests, academic and scientific achievements, research experience, and the research you hope to undertake as a doctoral student. While your research background and academic qualifications should be the central focus of your statement, we evaluate applications holistically. Our students come from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences, and we invite you to share any information that helps provide context for your application. Additionally, we welcome you to briefly discuss your extracurricular commitments here if you would like to explain them in further detail or share information about your involvement that is not conveyed in the lists below. You may provide an additional (optional) Personal Statement, if you choose. Suggested length: 2 pages, 12-point font, single spaced.

Personal statement

This statement is a place for you to provide information that you would like the admissions committee to consider that you have not included in your statement of purpose, and is strictly optional. There are a number of reasons applicants may choose not to fill in this box, including that all relevant information is conveyed elsewhere in the application. Suggested maximum length: 500 words. The MIT Department of Physics is committed to upholding our Physics Community Values of respect, inclusion, collaboration, mentorship, and well-being. These ideals are essential for all of us to better contribute to teaching, research, our campus community, and the advancement of physics. Members of our community come from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences. Within this statement we welcome you to provide any other information that you feel is necessary for the admissions committee to fully contextualize your academic achievements and to evaluate your application holistically. This may include extenuating circumstances, significant challenges that you have overcome, a non-traditional educational background, or any other information that you feel is relevant. We welcome you to share any aspects of your background that you feel exhibit your ability to contribute positively to our physics community, including details of your past contributions to mentoring, outreach, advocacy, or service.