### **Beyond First Year:**

### **Undergraduate Degree Programs in Physics and Astronomy**

12:40 – 13:45, Thursday March 14, 2018

Hennings 202

Sandwiches and drinks will be served

12:40 Colin Gay, Department Hea	d and S	Salena Li, Undergra	duate Coordinator	- Introd	duction to t	he Department
---------------------------------	---------	---------------------	-------------------	----------	--------------	---------------

12:45 Chris Waltham, Undergraduate Chair

12:55 Janis McKenna, 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Year Advisor

13:00 Vesna Sossi, Biophysics Program Chair

13:05 Ingrid Stairs, Astronomy Program Chair 3

13:10 Javed Iqbal, Science Coop Program Director

### **Club activities**

13:20 Physsoc – Ella Meyer

13:25 Astronomy – Katie Rink

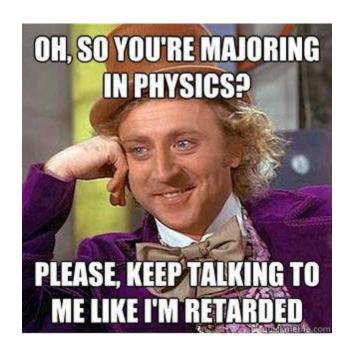
13:30 Biophysics – Chantal Percival

### **QUESTION Period**

## Physics is Hard

### So why do it?

- Because you love it
- Because you want to know how things work
- Because you want to know how the Universe works
- Because it opens up a wide variety of career opportunities



## What can you do with a physics degree?



## What can you do with a physics degree?



# Online Physics and Astronomy (PHAS) Graduate Survey

- 235 participants
- Most participants graduated in the last decade, with a few much earlier.
- Careers 30% PHAS, 40% PHAS-related, 30% unrelated to PHAS.
- Highest PHAS degree is a B.Sc. 43%

# Which aspects of your studies have been most relevant to your career?

More than 80% of respondents declared all of these as "Very Important" or "Important":

- Assessing the value of information critically
- Learning on your own
- Speaking clearly/effectively
- Writing clearly/effectively
- Working with others
- Using computers
- Solving numerical problems
- Research experience
- Managing projects

## UBC PHAS B.Sc grads in non-academic/teaching work

### **Administrators**

 Program Administrator, Canadian Mental Health Association

### Airline

Pilot

### Consultants

- Dubin Environmental
- ESRI Canada
- Self-employed

### Contractors

Invista Canada

#### Domestic

Stay-at-home Dad

### **Directors**

- JP Morgan
- Roadhouse Interactive Director of Studio Development
- SunCentral Inc.

#### Financial

RBC Capital Markets/ Senior Analyst

### Health

- Consultant neuroradiologist, Edinburgh UK
- Medical Physicist at Alberta Health Services
- PEI Cancer Treatment Centre

#### Law

- Partner, McMillan LLP
- Barrister & Solicitor

### Manager

- Technical project manager, D-Wave
- Business Development Lead at Abcellera, a UBC start-up

### Military

- Pilot, RCAF
- Ottawa/Defence Scientist

### Owner/President

- Owner of Murray Johnson Engineering Ltd.
- Equustek Solutions Inc. President

### **Product Management**

- Microsoft
- Mobile Health

### Software/IT

- ShipConstructor Software Inc (SSI) Victoria, BC
- D-Wave Systems
- Hootsuite
- MDA
- Solutions Architect, Blast Radius
- Vancity Credit Union

#### Technician

- TRIUMF/ATG Cyclotron Operator
- SFU Electronics Tech
- Osram

## Last year's grads: where did they go?

Informal interviews with 23 out of  $\sim$  60 at the May 2018 graduation. Of those who volunteered information about their next move:

- Combined major Physics/CompSci: 1qbit (two students)
- Combined honours Physics/CompSci: Google
- Combined major Physics/CompSci: Microsoft
- Honours Physics: IT
- Major physics/minor geophysics: exploration geophysics (not oil!)
- Major physics/minor economics: data science boot camp in Seattle, then Med. Tech.
- Biophysics: M.Sc. In bioinformatics
- Combined honours Physics/Math: Ph. D, Perimeter Insititute

In other words:

## Data

# Advice to the rising generation from ones who have "been there":

- Do co-op (a constant theme in the responses).
- Don't just study. Get to know your professors and everyone else in the building. Networking is as important as any grades you get in class. Physicists are awesome, but not many people know how awesome. Make use of them. (Another constant theme in the responses).
- Join the Physics/Astro/Biophysics Society, and attend some of the Department seminars and colloquia. Join the Canadian Association of Physicists/CASCA, and attend the Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conferences if you can. (Another constant theme).
- Learn computer science and obtain research experience.
- Take next year's math this year.
- Don't be afraid to try something new, even if it makes you uncomfortable.
- Learn the scientific principles well. Solving problems by rote or memorization is a waste of time.
- Take ownership of your own education. Learning happens beyond lectures and labs.
- Learn to write effectively.
- Pay it forward; mentor younger folk.
- When you are deciding on your career path think very hard about what sort of work-life balance you wish for yourself.
- Do what interests you now.
- Have fun.

# It won't all be smooth sailing - what to do if you have issues:

- With your course
  - Talk to your Prof.
  - If the Prof. cannot rectify talk to the u/g chair, Chris Waltham (me)
- With the program
  - Administrative issues talk to the u/g coordinator, Salena Li
  - Advising talk to your program advisor (Profs. McKenna, Stairs, Sossi)
  - Academic issues talk to the u/g chair, Chris Waltham (me)
- With life (health, finance, harassment, careers, anything...)
  - https://students.ubc.ca/
  - But also talk to the person who is most likely to be of immediate help: your profs., advisors and u/g chair

## Basic Python & Microcontroller Skills Workshop

Never coded? Mystified by electrical circuits? Anxious about Second Year Physics Labs? Try this no-credit, no-marks, low stress Basic Python & Microcontroller Skills Workshop

April 29th – May 3rd, 2019. 1:30-4:30pm each afternoon @ Life 2532 on UBC Campus This workshop is aimed primarily (but not solely) at students who aim to be going into 2nd-year physics in September, and would like to boost their confidence in laboratory and computing skills. The workshop is intended to be a not-for-credit primer for such courses as Phys210 (Computational Physics) and Phys219 (Experimental Physics). Fee: \$150 + GST.

Workshop goals (zero experience necessary):

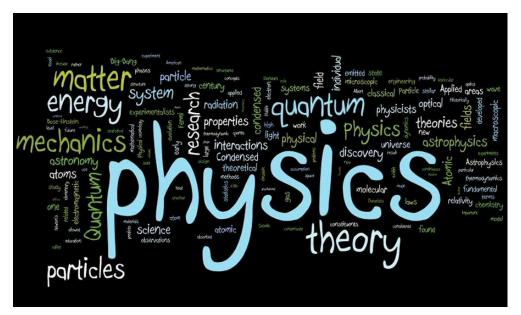
- •to get started with the Python language and control a microcontroller with Python
- •to learn how to calibrate sensors and make/display/analyze measurements
- •to debug an electrical circuit with an oscilloscope

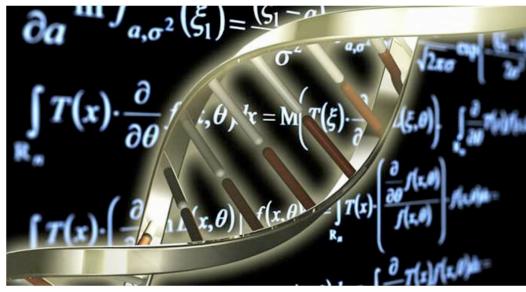
Students will leave the workshop with Python running on their laptops, and each will have an Arduino Nano microcontroller, an ultrasound distance-measuring device, a breadboard and cables to take away. You will need to bring your own laptop to the workshop.

Registration is open: https://phas.ubc.ca/undergrad-workshop-for-students

Space Limited

## 2nd year in Physics and Astronomy





Undergraduate chair: Chris Waltham

1st -year advisor: James Charbonneau

2<sup>nd</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> -year advisor:Janis McKenna

Astronomy advisor: Ingrid Stairs Biophysics Advisor: Vesna Sossi



★★ Program coordinator: <u>Salena</u> Li <u>ugcoord@phas.ubc.ca</u> ★★ All of us are here to offer advice, help with any program/course issues.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

In 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Physics/Astronomy specialists enter one of our Programs:

- **★Honours**, **Combined Honours** "PHYS + other"
- ★Major Physics/Astronomy, Combined Major "PHYS + CPSC"
- **★**Combined Major in Science (3 specializations)
- ★ Dual Degree Program BSc (Physics) & BEd (Secondary)

BSc (Physics) & B Arts

BSc (Physics) & B Music

- ★If in any other program: Minor in Physics / Minor in Astronomy
- +You can do co-op in any program in our department

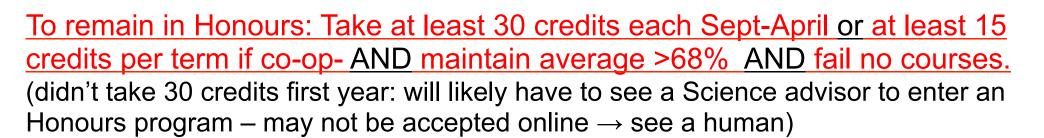
Co-op: Get a two year head-start on your career, gain valuable experience, work in Canada and/or abroad, earn good pay.

ubc science co-op

## Honours

For students intending to enter career in research and/or continue to graduate school

- Honours Physics
- Honours Biophysics
- Honours Physics and Astronomy
- Honours Physics and Mathematics
- Honours Physics and Computer Science
- Honours Chemical Physics
- Honours Physics and another Science Subject



We can help formulate a program which meets all honours requirements, Faculty Science requirements, & UBC graduation requirements

## Major

★ For those intending to enter career in science/technology, education, science-related.

★Major IS NOT the recommended stream for graduate studies (although some Majors who take all the core senior honours physics courses

may get accepted to graduate schools.)

**★**Offers more flexibility than Honours (fewer specified courses, more electives)

- ★Easy to add a Minor to a Major (or Combined Major)
- Major Physics
- Major Astronomy
- Combined Major Physics and Computer Science
- Double Major in Science and/or Arts



## **Dual Degree**

- ★For those intending to add a second specialization outside of Science.
- ★NOT the recommended stream for graduate studies, although students who take all core senior honours physics courses are often accepted to graduate schools.
- Dual Degree Science and Arts BSc(Physics) & BA
- Dual Degree Science and Music BSc(Physics) & BMus
- Dual Degree Science and Education

5 year program:

Dual Degree Program: BSc(Physics) BEd (Secondary) Graduate ready to accept teaching position

## Minor (for those in Physics/Astronomy)

- ★If you're in any Physics or Astronomy Program: you may pick up a second specialization as a Minor
- ★Easy to add a Minor outside Physics/Astronomy to Major Physics, Major Astronomy, or Honours Physics
- ★Not a lot of "elective room" to add a minor to combined honours or combined majors program, but possible with careful planning.
  - Minor in another Science
  - Minor in any Arts subject (Economics, Philosophy, a language are often seen, but any Arts minor possible)
  - Minor in Commerce
  - Minor in Human Kinetics
  - Minor in Land and Food Systems

Typically need 18 upper level (300- 400-level) credits — See Calendar for specific Minors requirements in specific subject

## Graduation Requirements

**YOU** are responsible for knowing your graduation requirements. Consult UBC Calendar and Faculty of Science online:

### 

under "Faculties, Colleges and Schools" choose "Science" then
 "Bachelor Science" for all graduation requirements for any Science program (or "Bachelor Arts" for any Arts program)
 Program specifics: continue and click "Physics" or "Astronomy"

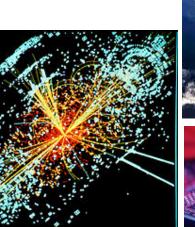
All requirements for any Honours, Major, Minor program in any Faculty at UBC are specified in the UBC Calendar

Also see our Physics Undergrad Program Webpages: <a href="http://www.phas.ubc.ca/undergrad-degree-programs">http://www.phas.ubc.ca/undergrad-degree-programs</a> <a href="http://www.phas.ubc.ca/undergrad-students">http://www.phas.ubc.ca/undergrad-students</a>

## Research Opportunities for PHAS undergrads

UBC PHAS undergraduates participate in many different types of undergraduate research.

You must be pro-active, look into the different programs and opportunities and meet application deadlines.





### The rewards are tremendous:

- Research experience
- Pay I'm only mentioning paid research opportunities you can also find opportunities to volunteer without pay (I DO NOT recommend them)
- Practical work/job experience
- Travel/cultural experience

Questions/need more info: Janis McKenna janis@physics.ubc.ca

## Research Opportunities for PHAS undergrads

### UBC PHAS undergraduates have participated in paid research, including:

- NSERC USRA (Undergrad Student Research Award)
- CO-Op <a href="http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca/prospective">http://www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca/prospective</a> (4- ,8-, or 12- month co-op jobs)
- TRIUMF Summer student program (and year-round 4-, 8- or 12-month co-op jobs) <a href="http://www.triumf.ca/home/employment-opportunities/undergradute-students/undergraduate-student-jobs">http://www.triumf.ca/home/employment-opportunities/undergradute-students/undergraduate-student-jobs</a>
- NRC (National Research Council Canada)
   <a href="http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/careers/programs/student\_employment.html">http://www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/careers/programs/student\_employment.html</a>
- DAAD RISE (German Research Internships in Science & Engineering)
   <a href="https://www.daad.de/rise/en/">https://www.daad.de/rise/en/</a> UBC is a DAAD partner
- UBC Go Global Research Abroad

http://students.ubc.ca/career/international-experiences/research-abroad

Also: Go Global has other international experiences <a href="http://students.ubc.ca/career/international-experiences">http://students.ubc.ca/career/international-experiences</a>

- UBC Science Opportunities (SURE, WorkLearn, USRA + others): <a href="http://science.ubc.ca/students/resources/research">http://science.ubc.ca/students/resources/research</a>
- IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (Canadian office: <a href="http://iaestecanada.org/">http://iaestecanada.org/</a>)
- UBC Careers and Work Learn Program- max 10 hours/week while fulltime student <a href="http://students.ubc.ca/career/campus-experiences/work-learn">http://students.ubc.ca/career/campus-experiences/work-learn</a>
- And there are many other opportunities you may find on your own. If you are
  a citizen of another country, look up programs in your home country too.

......

## Can I do research before 4th year?

Yes! Every summer UBC PHAS and just about every other Canadian Physics/Astronomy dept offer the NSERC USRA program –

For summer 2020: get ready and read up on deadlines in December 2019. Most universities have application deadlines in December or early January.

Many faculty hire students for summer and/or co-op terms.

I recommend going to another university for a USRA. (not UBC-Vancouver)

BONUS: the USRA program also pays your airfare to/from the other university.



### **NSERC USRA**

(Undergraduate Student Research Awards)

- Must be Canadian citizen or permanent resident completing 2<sup>nd</sup> year or higher of undergraduate degree.
- Cumulative average of AT LEAST B+ in previous years university
- Competitive: each university has a finite number; most awardees will have A averages, excellent application/proposal, great references.
- Most Physics departments have deadlines in December or January.
- Decisions/awards made in late January or February
- 12-16 weeks paid work in a research group at a Canadian university
- Award includes travel to and from current university to work location

Details at: <a href="http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/students-etudiants/ug-pc/usra-brpc\_eng.asp">http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/students-etudiants/ug-pc/usra-brpc\_eng.asp</a> and <a href="http://www.phas.ubc.ca/undergraduate-nserc-usra">http://www.phas.ubc.ca/undergraduate-nserc-usra</a>

Most university Physics/Astronomy Departments will have their own USRA website/info up early in the fall term. If you want to go to a specific university for a USRA and don't see info online, email the undergraduate Program advisor or assistant before Christmas. If no reply within a week, follow up by phoning – you may have the wrong person. Pay must be at least \$5625 for 4 months, but is typically \$6,000-\$8,000 for 4 months.



## UBC Co-op

## Dr. Javed Iqbal will give details



My (humble?) opinion:

Co-op is <u>Best Program</u> for work and research opportunities (Disclosure: I was a co-op myself in undergrad, as were a number of UBC faculty members)

- 20 months of research and work experience before graduation
- You can participate in ANY of the previously mentioned research programs as a co-op work term with an OK from coop office.
- Graduate with lower debt/ no student loans (graduate with RRSP started)
- Excellent preparation & experience for easy entrance into job market
- Excellent preparation and experience for graduate school (in theoretical or experimental research)

## PHYS 449 Thesis, PHYS 349B mini-thesis

Your chance to conduct your own research project At end of 3<sup>rd</sup> year, start talking to faculty about research opportunities

Honours students: PHYS 449/ASTR 449: full year 6-credit thesis.

Mandatory for all Honours students

Majors students: PHYS 349: smaller scale, full-year

3-credit directed studies/research project. (optional elective, run together with PHYS 449)





nd First Year Physics & Astronomy

JMcK

## PHYS 449 Thesis, PHYS 349B Mini-Thesis

Discuss your ideas/interests with potential supervisors.

Many potential supervisors: faculty members, including adjunct professors whose research is based off campus.

Supervisors don't have to be UBC PHAS affiliated at all, but you'll need a PHAS co-supervisor if supervisor non-UBC

Send email, knock on doors,

### Self-motivated:

- You'll work with advisor & PHYS 449/PHYS 349 instructor as your guides/mentors.
- You'll learn how to conduct research, write it up & give scientific presentations.
- Your thesis project is your own work.

## Research – your opportunity

Examine your interests, seek opportunities

Talk to senior undergrads about their research experiences (meet them via PHYSSOC activities or in PHYSSOC lounge)

Research happens not only in academic institutions, but also government labs, high-tech industry and private companies.

Experience in computing/programming/design is a huge asset, whether seeking a job or seeking a graduate school position.

Ditto for technical experience.

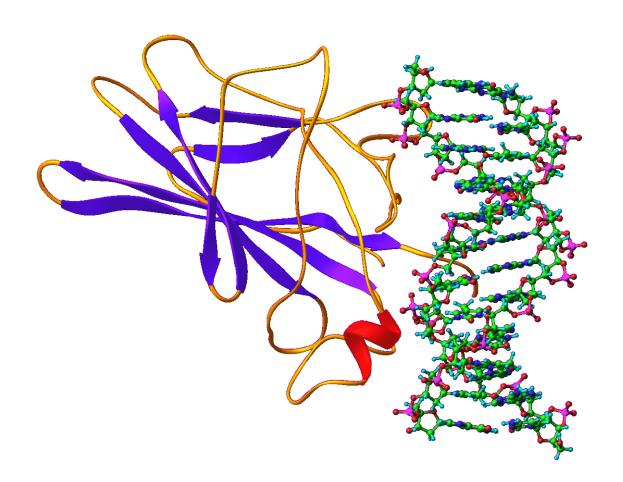
I strongly recommend trying different opportunities, both inside and outside of university setting.

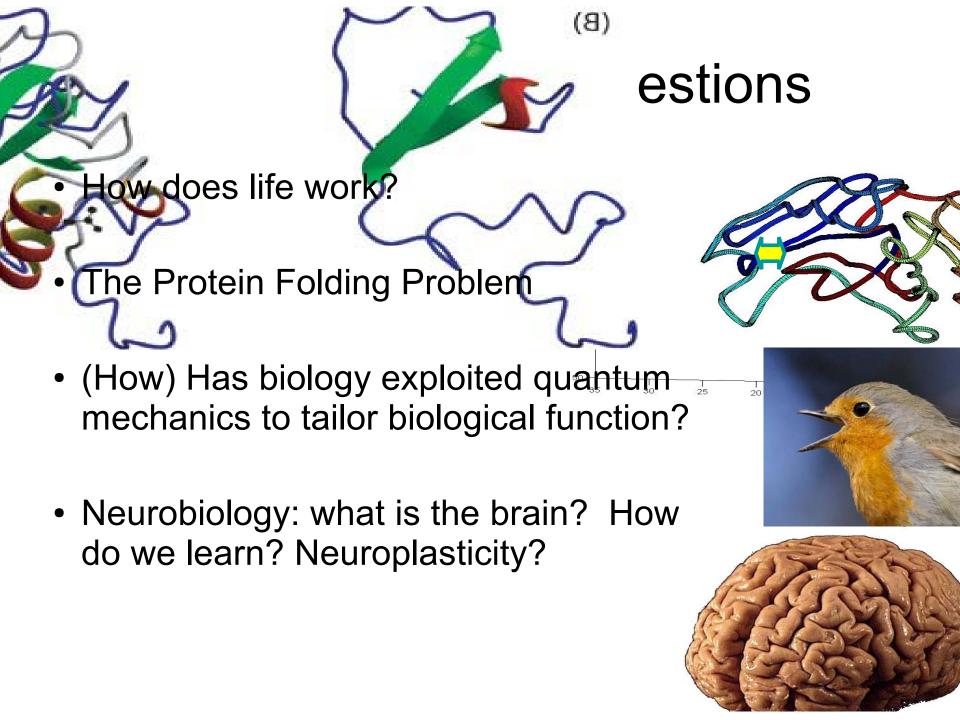
## Honours biophysics program



## What is Biophysics?

an interdisciplinary science that applies the theories and methods of physics to questions of biology.

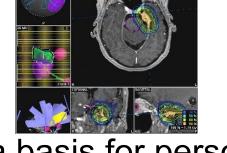




## Mackay, Rahmim, Reinsberg, Sossi Medical Physics + Adjunct Faculty

 Therapy: how can we find the optimal way to kill cancer cells while leaving other tissue unscathed?





 Imaging: Can we create a basis for personalized medicine with quantitative measurements of

physiological parameters?



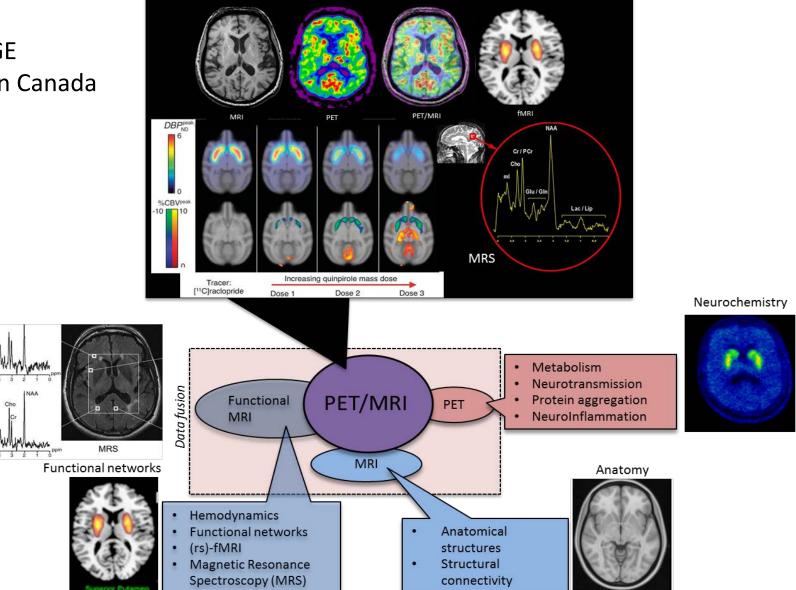


Can we understand how the brain works?

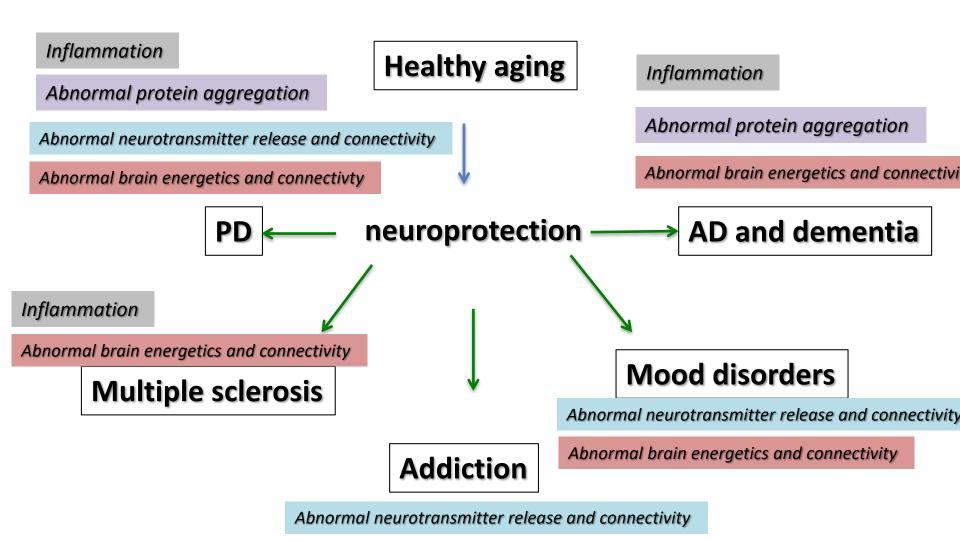
New Neuroimaging Suite at the DMCBH at UBC

MRI; 1<sup>st</sup> GE PET/MRI in Canada

## Hybrid PET/MRI



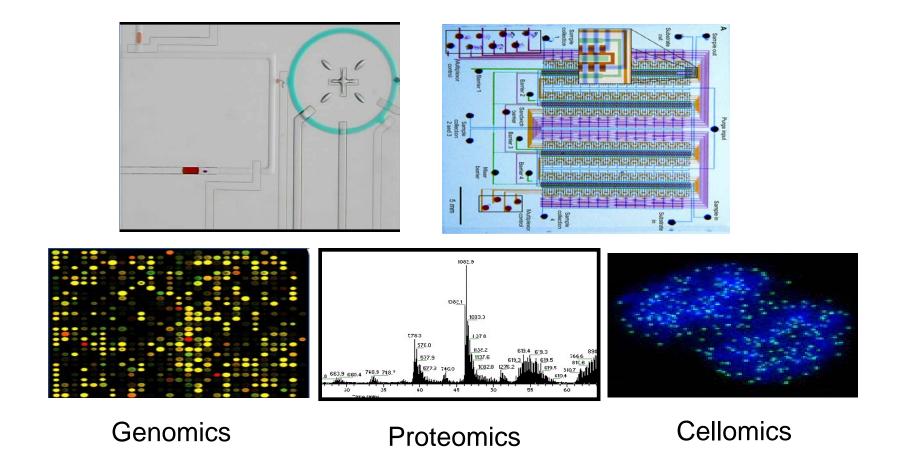
## **Synergy** and **cross-fertilization** with other brain function research at UBC



+ Algorithms development

### **Hansen Lab**

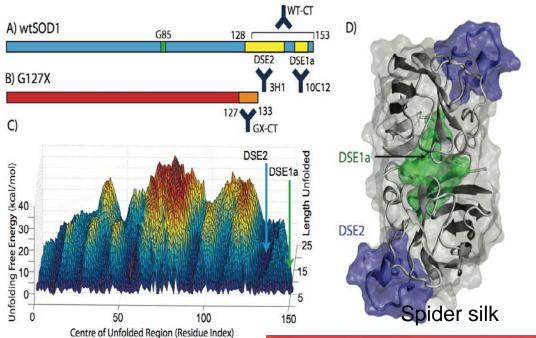
Development and Application of Microfluidics Technology for High-Throughput Biology



### Design, Fabrication, Testing, Discovery

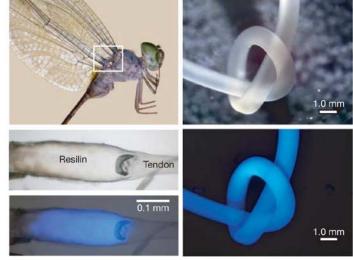
### **Plotkin group**

## Application of misfolding landscapes to predict disease-specific epitopes in SOD1



# NMR of biological materials Resilin

Carl Michal -



### What do Biophysics Program graduates do after graduation?

Most continue their education:

- Graduate School:

  - Biophysics Mechanical Engineering(orthopaedics)
  - Medical Physics Pathology

  - Biochemistry Experimental Medicine
  - Neuroscience Epidemiology

- Education
- Medical School

# **HOW**

Year 1	Description	Credits
BIOL 112 <sup>1,2</sup> , 140	Ecology, Genetics and Evoluti	ion 5
PHYS 107, 108, 109 (or 11	7, 118, 119 or 101, 118, 119) <sup>2,3</sup>	Enriched Physics I, Enriched Physics II, and Enriched
Experimental Physics		7
CHEM 121, 123 (111, 113)	2 Structural and General Chemi	istry 8
MATH 100, 101 (120, 121	or 102, 103 or 104, 105)2 Different	ial and Integral Calculus
		6
Communication Requirem	ent <sup>4</sup>	6
Elective <sup>5,6,16</sup>		1
<b>Total Credits Year 1</b>		33

Year 3	Description	Credits
BIOC 3029,10	Molecular Biochemistry	3
MATH 300	Introduction to Complex Variables	3
MATH 316	Elementary Differential Equations II	3
PHYS 301	Electricity and Magnetism	3
Electives 5,6,14,16		3
PHYS 30511	Biophysics	3
PHYS 21611	Intermediate Mechanics	3
PHYS 31912	Laboratory	3
MATH 318	Probability with Physical Applications	3
Bio-science electiv	re <sup>11,13,14</sup>	3
Electives 5,6,14,16		3
<b>Total Credits Year</b>	3	33

Year 4	Description	Credits
PHYS 304	<b>Quantum Mechanics</b>	3
PHYS 44915	Honours thesis	6
Bio-science electives <sup>13</sup>		15
Electives <sup>5,14,16</sup>		8
<b>Total Credits Year 4</b>		32

Total credits to graduate 132

# Diverse! Physics, Math, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biology!

#### Second year entrance is regulated by the Faculty of Science

#### To **remain** in the biophysics honours program:

#### **UBC Science requires:**

- 1. complete all courses a empted (no failed courses)
- 2. complete a minimum of 30 credits per winter session (o&en more are needed)
- 3. maintain a minimum 68% average per academic session.

- Don't get behind at the start of term
- keep your eye on the add/drop deadlines
- A 'W' on your transcript is no big deal



#### Entrance in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year: s- || possible

At the discre- on of PHAS Biophysics and Undergraduate Advisors



#### **Requirements:**



- Average of at least ~ 72% in the second year
- Have never failed a course
- Have taken a minimum of 30 credits in the second year
- Course content appropriate for the biophysics program

These are minimum requirements – applica- ons will be considered on a case by case basis.

#### Recommendal ons:

Follow as closely as possible the program outlined for the Honours Biophysics program in the second year. Some missed courses can be taken in summer.

h p://www.phas.ubc.ca/undergradhonours-biophysics

Come and talk to the Program Advisors



#### **Support is available:**

- Biophysics is a small program, and traditionally very close-knit.
  - The Biophysics students' society can help:
  - get to know older students who've been through it before
  - help with studying
  - social activities

- Departmental advisors and course instructors
- Science advising centre
- Science support programs: http://my.science.ubc.ca

Any other ques ons:

please e-mail the program advisor: <u>vesna@phas.ubc.ca</u> (phone 822 7710)

#### **Astronomy specializations at UBC**

#### **Astronomy Major**

Career options include: technical support personnel at international observatories, astronomy educators, and outreach experts at science centres and planetaria. The diverse skills acquired in this specialization are attractive to non-academic employers.

#### **Astronomy specializations at UBC**

#### **Astronomy Major**

Career options include: technical support personnel at international observatories, astronomy educators, and outreach experts at science centres and planetaria. The diverse skills acquired in this specialization are attractive to non-academic employers.

#### **Combined Honours Physics and Astronomy**

Intended for students who want to go on to graduate studies in Astronomy and Astrophysics (or other areas of Physics, depending on upper-level electives). A Ph.D. is generally a requirement to be a scientist at a research institute or observatory, or to be a professor at a university.

Also available: Co-op, Minor, CMS

#### **Astronomy courses at UBC**

ASTR 101 ASTR 102	Intro. to the Solar System Stars, galaxies, cosmology		
ASTR 200 ASTR 205	Frontiers of Astrophysics Stars and Stellar Populations	Maj Maj	Hon Hon
ASTR 303 ASTR 333	Galaxies Exoplanets and Astrobiology	Maj	Hon
ASTR 403	Cosmology		
ASTR 404	Astronomical & Astrophysical	Maj	Hon
ASTR 405	Measurements Astronomical Laboratory	Maj	Hon
ASTR 406	High-Energy Astrophysics	}Maj	Hon
ASTR 407 ASTR 449	Planetary Science Directed Research in Astronomy	J.v.	Hon
	,		

#### **Astronomy courses at UBC**

ASTR 101 ASTR 102	Intro. to the Solar System Stars, galaxies, cosmology			ground equired
ASTR 200 ASTR 205	Frontiers of Astrophysics Stars and Stellar Populations	sp	Sta ecializa	rt of tions
ASTR 303 ASTR 333	Galaxies Exoplanets and Astrobiology		Maj	Hon
ASTR 403 ASTR 404	Cosmology Astronomical & Astrophysical Measurements		Maj	Hon
ASTR 405 ASTR 406 ASTR 407	Astronomical Laboratory High-Energy Astrophysics Planetary Science		Maj }Maj	Hon Hon
ASTR 449	Directed Research in Astronomy	/		Hon

#### **Astronomy opportunities at UBC**

ASTR 405 lab course

- Small, remotely-controlled optical telescope in Chile for undergraduate training and research
- Once Hebb is renovated, the Small Radio Telescope will be reinstalled on the roof for undergraduate teaching
- ASTR 449, NSERC USRA, other research programs
- Lots of opportunities to get involved in research using many different telescopes: CHIME, Arecibo, Green Bank, CFHT, Gemini, Hubble, Most, Kepler, Chandra, LSST, eventually the Thirty Metre Telescope and the Square Kilometre Array... And of course there are theoretical and numerical opportunities, too!



#### Some telescopes you might use or help build



CHIME



Arecibo



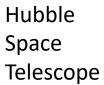
CFHT

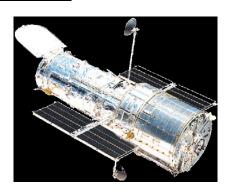






**JWST** 





#### **Astronomy Career Information**

- http://casca.ca/?page\_id=93
- https://aas.org/learn/careers-astronomy
- www.ras.org.uk/images/stories/ras\_pdfs/careers\_v12.pdf

#### **Astronomy Advising**

Prof. Ingrid Stairs
Hennings 332
ug-astr@phas.ubc.ca

# **UBC Science Co-op**



Javed Iqbal iqbal@phas.ubc.ca www.sciencecoop.ubc.ca

# Science Co-op Programs

Atmospheric Science	Biochemistry	Biophysics	Biopsychology	Biotechnology
Chemistry	Cognitive Systems	Computer Science	Earth & Ocean Sciences	Engineering Physics
Environmental Sciences	General Sciences	Integrated Sciences	Land & Food Systems	Mathematics
Microbiology	Pharmacology	Physics & Astronomy	Statistics (Undergrad & Grad)	And more

# What is Co-op?

- Integration of academic studies with relevant,
   paid, supervised and productive work experience
- Co-op students gain skills and experience which prepare them for the future job market, graduate studies and give them improved employment opportunities upon graduation

Average monthly salary for Physics/Astronomy Co-op: \$2500

## PHYS/ASTR Schedule - A

Year	Term1	Term 2	Summer
1	ST 1	ST 2/apply	
2	ST 3	WT1	WT2
3	ST 4	ST5	WT 3
4	WT4	ST 7	WT 5
5	ST 7	ST 8	

# Phys/Astr & BIOP Schedule

Year	Term1	Term 2	Summer
1	ST 1	ST 2	
2	ST 3	ST 4	
3	ST 5/apply	ST 6	WT 1
4	WT 2	WT 3	WT 4
5	ST 7	ST 8	

# Benefits of Co-op

- Practical experience
- Work on real life problems
- Networking
- Increased job prospects after graduation
- Life skills

# Where did the PHAS Co-op students worked the past summer?

- Ballard Power Systems
- Environment Canada
- E-One Moli Energy
- Eastside Games
- Canadian Space Agency
- ETH Zurich (Switzerland)
- Genome Institute of Singapore
- Honda Research Institute (Japan)
- King Abdullah University (Saudi Arabia)
- Laser Zentrum Hannover

(Germany)

- Max Planck Institutes (Germany)
- Musqueam Indian Bands

- Ecole Polytechnique de Federale Lausanne (France)
- Sony Pictures Imageworks
- Safe Software
- Triumf
- UBC (PHAS, CHEM, EOS)
- University of Wurzburg (Germany)
- University of Tokyo (Japan)
- Thought Exchange

# Where did the BIOP Co-op students work this Summer?

- International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries
- MPI for the Science of Light (Germany)
- Genome Institute of Singapore (Singapore)
- Robert Bosch (Germany)
- Laser Zentrum Hannover (Germany)
- UBC Michael Smith Lab
- UBC (Physics and Astronomy)
- UBC (Psychiatry)
- University of Montreal
- University of Wuerzburg (Germany)

## Program Fees

- Co-op workshop fee: \$251.75
- Co-op work term fee: \$ 774.75 per WT
- Total cost of program: \$ 3,200

# **Application Criteria**

- Must have a minimum "B" average
- Willingness to work anywhere in Canada
- Positive attitude. Keen interest in chosen field.
- Each candidate is interviewed to assess their suitability to the program.

# **Upcoming Application Deadlines**

Program:	Application Deadlines
PHYS/ASTR	March 1, 2019
(1st year students)	
PHYS/ASTR (2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr.)	Sept. 30, 2019
BIOP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Yr.)	

## Apply online at

https://sciencecoop.ubc.ca/prospective/applydeadlines

# The UBC Astronomy Club

Explore the universe with us.

# We do:

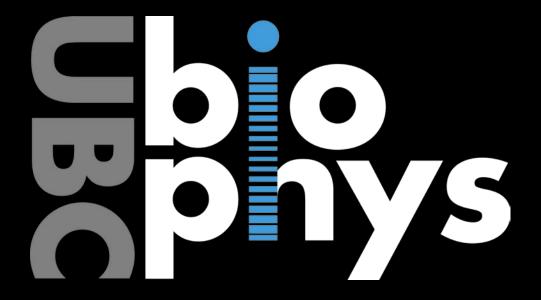
- Stargazing trips
- Trivia nights
- Social events
- Lectures

   (No background required)

We welcome everyone, regardless of how much you know about space!

Follow us at facebook.com/UBCAstronomyClub to find out about upcoming Porteau Cove trips, flash observations, and other great events

This photo taken by Mark Andruk at a Porteau Cove event



Social and Academic Support

Meet & Greet

Mentorship Program

Facebook: UBC Biophysics Student Society

Email: bpss.exec@gmail.com