Why Yale Astronomy for your PhD?

Access to world-class observing facilities



We have excellent resources for observing, including on-campus observing facilities and telescope time reserved specifically for our department members.

- Keck: 24 nights/year
- Palomar: 1/8 share
- SDSS IV: Full partnership



Guaranteed funding for 6 years

Teaching beyond the university requirements is optional to earn some extra cash, but your main funding as a researcher is secure.

A wide range of research interests across department faculty members







Health care & gym access: 100% covered for students







Happy hour every Friday

With food, snacks, and beverages (with and without alcohol) -- all fully covered by the department!





Easy-access high performance computing facilities

The Yale Center for Research Computing (YCRC) provides HPC resources freely available for all students to use.

Floor-to-ceiling office windows for first-year students

With a beautiful porch to work on when it's nice out (almost all department offices have windows)!



A gorgeous coffee lounge with 24/7 access



A departmental social space with coffee, several types of tea, almond milk, and more.

A fun and supportive graduate student community





Pizza lunches and bread mornings

Pizza lunch (with worldfamous New Haven pizza!) once per week and bread mornings 2-3 times per week -all fully funded by the department.



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