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

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 world-famous New Haven pizza!) once per week and bread mornings 2-3 times per week — all fully funded by the department.