Why Choose Physics?

Different Careers
A degree in physics can lead to an abundance of fulfilling careers, like:
- Laser Engineer
- Software Developer
- High School Teacher
- Science Writer/Journalist
- Particle Accelerator Operator

Field of Employment for Physics Bachelors in the Private Sector*

- STEM
- Non-STEM
- Physics or Astronomy

*Classes of 2013 & 2014 Combined
(source: AIP Statistical Research Center)

Need for Diversity
“Science is for everyone... we are all natural explorers.” - Dr. Wanda Diaz-Merced

Physics is lacking in diversity, but not opportunities. Efforts like the APS Bridge Program are working to make physics more diverse.

Degree Options
About half of physics BS recipients go straight into the workforce after graduation, with the remainder pursuing graduate degrees.

Ultimately, 95% of those physics grads will be employed in non-academic jobs with either a BS, MS, or PhD.
(source: AIP Statistical Research Center)

Makin’ Money
Physics is among the top money-making areas in STEM.

Starting salaries for physics bachelors as high as $60K!

Typical Starting Salary for Bachelor’s Degree Recipients*

(source: AIP Statistical Research Center)

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