Date: December 15, 2020
To: Physics Graduate Students, Faculty and Administrators
From: Prof. Giovanni Ossola, Qualifying Exam Committee Chair
Re: Winter 2021 Physics First Examination - Remote

The Physics First Examination (Qualifying Exam) is scheduled to be administered remotely in 2 sessions during the month of January 2021. Each session will be a test of 2 subject areas over a 4-hour period with a 2-hour break between tests. Please see details below for exam dates, times, platform and registration instructions.

**Note to doctoral students who did not pass the August 2020 exam:** You are required to take the January 2021 exam.

**Note to all 1st-year doctoral students:** You are required to take the June 2021 Qualifying Exam. However, you may take this January Exam in lieu of the June exam if you believe you are adequately prepared and obtain written approval of the Executive Officer. Sitting for this exam will count as your first attempt.

**Examination Schedule, Subject Areas & Platform**

- **Session #1:** Monday, January 25, 2021, 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. U.S. EST (includes a 2-hour break), Zoom
- **Session #2:** Thursday, January 28, 2021, 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. U.S. EST (includes a 2-hour break), Zoom

  - Classical Mechanics
  - Electricity and Magnetism
  - Session #1

  - Quantum Mechanics
  - Statistical Mechanics
  - Session #2

**Exam Platform (both sessions) – Zoom**
An invite link will be provided to registrants prior to the examination.

**Registration Instructions & Exam Procedures**
To register for this exam, please contact Daniel Moy at the Graduate Center’s doctoral Physics Program office: e-mail - dmoy@gc.cuny.edu. E-mail registration is required.

Upon registration, doctoral students will be assigned a Registration Number, provided with exam instructions and asked to sign a *Set of General Rules* agreement. Please note that your Registration Number must be used on all exam papers. **DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON ANY OF YOUR ANSWER SHEETS.**

**Special Note to City College of New York master’s students:** you must request registration through Prof. Timothy Boyer (tboyer@ccny.cuny.edu).

Past exams may be found at the Physics website: **The Graduate Center CUNY - Past 1st Exams** (https://www.gc.cuny.edu/Page-Elements/Academics-Research-Centers-Initiatives/Doctoral-Programs/Physics/Qualifying-Exam).