The School

- The School of Physics and Astronomy is part of the Scottish Universities Physics Alliance (SUPA) and Physics at Edinburgh and St Andrews (PhyESTA).
- As of September 2016, the School hosts:
  - 38 academic staff.
  - 72 research fellows.
  - 90 graduate students.
- **Joint third in UK for research quality** (REF 2014).

Research

- World leading research groups in **Condensed Matter, Photonics and Astronomy**.
- Major investments in state-of-the-art research facilities: four ultra-low vibration laboratories, two cleanrooms, MBE growth facilities, three telescopes in Australia, Chile and South Africa.
- We have strong industrial connections, with spin-offs including Photosynergy, Ambicare Health and Razorbill Instruments.

Postgraduate Courses

- St Andrews is third in the UK in the 2017 Times and Sunday Times University Guide, and actively fosters innovation in teaching and learning.
- The School offers courses at undergraduate & graduate levels postgraduate programmes include:
  - 3.5 year PhD programme in all research areas
  - Taught MSc in **Photonics & Optoelectronic Devices**
  - Condensed Matter Doctoral Training Centre (four years)
  - Applied Photonics Centre of Doctoral Training (EngD) in collaboration with industrial partners (four years)
- Our many photonics, electronics and computational teaching laboratories and the University Observatory grant a research-led, hands-on learning experience to the students.

PhD Scholarships

We have variety of fully funded PhD scholarships, for details look on the school webpages, [http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/physics/prosp_pg/](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/physics/prosp_pg/). Scholarships include:

- STFC funded scholarships in Astronomy.
- EPSRC funded scholarships in Photonics and Condensed Matter physics, including through the Centres for Doctoral Training in Condensed Matter ([http://cm-cdt.supa.ac.uk](http://cm-cdt.supa.ac.uk)) and applied photonics.
- CSC Scholarship scheme for Chinese citizens.
- A variety of other funded places from ERC, Marie Skłodowska-Curie grants etc.