Overview of the Gather.town Physics Prospective Graduate Student Open House

Getting in:
Link to the Illinois Physics Gather.town Open House space: https://gather.town/app/Z3JtnBwzNMQ4669s/UIUCPhysics
Password: UrbanaStyle

Prospective Graduate Students After Getting in:
When you first go to the gather.town site, please

1. **Change your name** to [your name]

2. **Once you're in gather.town**, click on your avatar at the bottom of the screen and set your text status as your school name.

   ![Your name change screen](image)

3. Meet with faculty and students **around the outer circle** of the **central circular zone**.

4. Go to the research area you’re interested in on the right side of the gather space for an overview video, posters, and other cool information about each research area.

Illinois Physics Faculty, Postdocs and Graduate Students After Getting in:
When you go to the gather.town site, please

1. **Change your name** to
   
   PROF [your name] if you are a professor,
   
   PD [your name] if you are a postdoc,
   
   GRA [your name] if you are a current student.

2. The gather.town space has a **central circular zone** for meeting with students and **designated research areas** on the right side of the space where students can view research videos and posters (see map of gather.town space on next page).

3. Faculty and current students can introduce themselves to the prospective students by standing on the **central spotlight stage in the center of the circular zone** (see map of gather.town space on next page).

4. It’s best to meet with prospective students in the **outer circle region outside the central circular zone** (see map of gather.town space on next page).
Each *research area* has a zone on the right side with an overview video, embedded website description, and an image, like this:

**Other features of the space:**

*Cone of Silence*: Standing on the circles in a “cone of silence” puts you into a private space with only those also standing on the same color circles.

*Quantum Teleporter*: going through these doors takes you to various locations in the space, simply test it out to learn the shortcuts!

*Whiteboards*: along the back wall are interactable white boards you can use.

*Spotlighted rooms*: The two rooms on the left side of the main space and the Auditorium are private group discussion areas – anyone in those spaces can talk to everyone else in those spaces.

*Central Spotlight Stage*: Central stage so faculty can introduce themselves to the entire group when they arrive in the gather.town session.