

Bartol Charter

1. Mission:

The Bartol Research Institute is a Center within the Department of Physics and Astronomy whose mission is to foster excellence in research in physics and astronomy at the University of Delaware.

2. Status of the Center within the Department:

All members of the Center will have their academic appointment within the Department of Physics and Astronomy and will be subject to the same rules, regulations, workload agreement and access to Department resources as other faculty members of the Department.

3. Membership:

All faculty members of the Bartol Research Institute at the time of its merger with the Department of Physics and Astronomy will become permanent members of the Center as long as they remain on the faculty at the University of Delaware. Other Department faculty may apply for membership in the Center. They will be appointed for five-year terms if their applications are successful. To be successful, the application must first be approved by the members of the Center and then must be approved by the Department Chair.

4. Governance:

The Center will have a Director, recommended by its membership and appointed by the Chair of the Department. The Director of the Center reports to the Chair of the Department. The Director, who must be a member of the Center, is appointed for a term of three years. The Chair of the Department cannot simultaneously be the Director of the Center. The Center will also have an Advisory Committee, selected by its members, to work with the Director on such issues as establishing the annual budget of the Center. Review of the Center will be conducted as part of the regular Academic Program Reviews of the Department. Operation of the Center is governed by the Center's Policies and Procedures, as adopted by its Members.

5. Resources:

Resources of the Center will include the income from the Bartol Research Foundation endowment and whatever other resources are made available to it by the Department, the College or other sources. The Center has full discretionary use of these resources, consistent with its mission and with the policies of the College and the University. The Director has decision-making authority over the resources of the Center.

6. Revisions of the Charter:

Revisions of this Charter must first be approved by the members of the Center and then must be ratified by the Department.