The Gertrude S. Goldhaber Prize recognizes substantial promise and accomplishment by a woman graduate student in physics.

The prize honors Gertrude Scharff-Goldhaber (1911-1998), the renowned nuclear physicist who was the first woman Ph.D. appointed to the staff of Brookhaven National Laboratory, in 1950. Dr. Scharff-Goldhaber made pivotal discoveries in understanding nuclear fission and the structure of atomic nuclei. She was a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and an American Physical Society fellow. She also served on the board of trustees of Universities Research Association, which managed Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. Dr. Scharff-Goldhaber worked tirelessly to advance the cause of women in science, and she was one of the founding members of Brookhaven Women in Science (BWIS). She retired in 1977 but continued her association with Brookhaven Lab until 1990.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT:

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Women graduate students in physics who are candidates for a doctoral degree, but not graduating with that degree prior to the calendar year of the award. They must be enrolled at Stony Brook University and/or performing their thesis research at Brookhaven National Laboratory.