

Erik Peterson is a 5th year PhD student at Duke University who uses exploding stars called Type Ia Supernovae to better measure the expansion of the Universe. Erik graduated from the University of Notre Dame, magna cum laude, in 2019 with a degree in physics, and he is scheduled to defend his PhD in physics early next year. Erik specializes in Astrophysics and Cosmology and has had the opportunity to work on a number of telescopes based at locations ranging from Chile to Hawaii to even Australia. Originally from Tacoma, Washington, Erik enjoys spending time outdoors playing all kinds of sports and going on hikes. Erik and his wife, Bri, got married recently in December of 2023. Their next stop after Duke is unknown, but Erik is likely to pursue a postdoctoral fellowship anywhere from London to Hawaii.

