Affiliate Graduate Faculty

Other qualified individuals who are not Full Graduate Faculty members may contribute to the scholarship and professional development of our graduate students. Affiliate Members of the Graduate Faculty are qualified by educational background and experience to effectively teach and mentor students in graduate programs at NDSU. An appointment for Affiliate Graduate Faculty status is initiated by a graduate program. The chair, head, or director of the academic unit in which the program resides will submit the Affiliate Graduate Faculty Nomination form (https://powerforms.docusign.net/b51d1f0b-7075-44f9-be79-59648eeac0d0/?env=na3&acct=1ceb9a57-b6a3-4df7-b655-d64cf8f1c2d7) and a current curriculum vitae. The request should include the level of Affiliate Faculty Membership the program proposes the applicant should be given. This request is forwarded to the dean of the academic college in which the program resides for approval. If approved, the request is submitted to the College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies. The request will be reviewed by a subcommittee of the Graduate Council which will make a recommendation to the Dean of the College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies, who will determine whether an appointment will be granted. A reappointment may be granted using the process described above.

Members of the Graduate Faculty who have left the institution may be granted Affiliate Faculty status as outlined below:

- **Emeritus Faculty.** Persons who are granted emeritus faculty status are eligible for Affiliate Faculty Level 1 status for a period of three years. Membership as an Affiliate Faculty may be renewed upon approval of the Graduate Council and the Dean of the College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies.
- **Individuals who have retired or left NDSU for other employment opportunities are eligible serve as chair (advisor) of supervisory committees for one year.**
  - This is not renewable.
  - This eligibility does not apply to committee membership other than the chair (advisor).
- **A department may nominate the individual for Affiliate Faculty status as outlined below.**

There are three levels of Affiliate Graduate Faculty Members, the appointment level will be determined by the qualifications of the applicant.

### Affiliate Graduate Faculty Level 1

**Duties**

- Chair committees for graduate students (may be approved to chair committees for Ph.D. programs, professional doctoral programs or both)
- Serve on committees for all students
- Teach graduate courses

**Criteria**

- Terminal degree
- Sustained record of scholarly and/or creative accomplishment, and/or (for professional doctoral programs only) professional practice appropriate to the discipline
- Demonstrated competence in instruction including classroom, advising, or mentoring
- Full-time employment at an NDSU on-campus unit or a Research and Extension Center

**Term**

- 6 years
- Must demonstrate sustained record of scholarly and/or creative accomplishment
- Demonstrated competence in graduate instruction including classroom, advising, or mentoring

### Affiliate Graduate Faculty Level 2

**Duties**

- Chair committees for all master's students
- Serve as co-chair for all doctoral students (the other co-chair must be a full member of the graduate faculty)
- Serve on committees for all students
- Teach graduate courses
Criteria

- Terminal degree
- Record of scholarly or creative accomplishment
- Demonstrated experience in teaching, mentoring, or advising

Term

- 3 years
- Must demonstrate sustained record of scholarly or creative accomplishment
- Demonstrated competence in graduate teaching, advising, or mentoring

Affiliate Graduate Faculty Level 3

Duties

- Chair committees for students not required to complete a dissertation, thesis, or scholarly paper
- Serve on committees for all students
- Teach graduate courses (but no higher than his/her earned degree)

Criteria

- Record of professional achievement in an area related to the program
- Demonstrated competence in teaching

Term

- 3 years
- Must demonstrate sustained record of professional achievement in an area related to the program
- Active involvement in graduate teaching and work with graduate students (but no higher than his/her earned degree)

Affiliate Graduate Faculty Members

The list below is grouped by the AGF Level for which they were approved. There term ends on the last day of the semester indicated below their name.

Level 1

Addey, Kwame, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2029 Summer

Bajwa, Sreekala, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2026 Spring

Banerjee, Amrita, Pharmaceutical Sciences
2024 Fall

Benna, Justin, School of Education
2029 Fall

Benning, Kerri, School of Nursing
2029 Spring

Biermacher, Jon, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2029 Spring

Borowicz, Pawel, Animal Sciences
2029 Summer

Boyer, Jeffrey, College of Science and Math
2029 Fall

Brunsvold, Abigail, School of Nursing
2029 Spring

Bullock, David, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2024 Fall

Buncher, John, Physics
2027 Fall

Carson, Paul, Public Health
2027 Spring

Cernusca, Dan, Pharmacy Practice
2027 Spring
Chapara, Venkata, Plant Pathology
2028 Fall
Condry, Danielle, Microbiological Sciences
2025 Spring
Dimler, Laurel, School of Nursing
2025 Spring
Dresecher, Matthew, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science
2029 Fall
Dybing, Alan, Transportation and Logistics
2026 Spring
Ewert, Dan, Electrical and Computer Engineering
2027 Spring
Falk, Kara, School of Nursing
2025 Spring
Foye, Brandon, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science
2028 Fall
Fraase, Kolby Schaeffer, School of Nursing
2026 Spring
Geaumont, Benjamin, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2030 Spring
Gross, Dean, School of Nursing
2029 Summer
Hammed, Ademola, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2026 Spring
Heilman Morales, Ana, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2030 Spring
Hoang, Khang, Physics
2028 Spring
Hough, Jill, Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute
2025 Summer
Kalina, Emily, School of Nursing
2027 Fall
Kenzie, Daniel, English
2024 Fall
Klug, Page, Biological Sciences
2025 Spring
Koparan, Cengiz, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2026 Fall
Leitch, Jay, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2026 Spring
Littlefield, Robert, Communication
2027 Spring
Lopez-Martinez, Giancarlo, Biological Sciences
2025 Spring
McCaul, Kevin, Psychology
2024 Fall
McQueston, Jessica, School of Education
2027 Fall
Mushet, David, Environmental and Conservation Science
2025 Spring
Nahar, Nurun, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2024 Fall
Nelson, Carrie, School of Nursing
2029 Spring
Ostlie, Michael, Plant Sciences
2028 Fall
Peltier, Allison, School of Nursing
2029 Spring
Prasifka, Jarrad, Entomology
2027 Fall
Qi, Xiaoning, Coatings and Polymeric Materials
Graduate Faculty

2027 Spring
Rabia, Ahmed Harb, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

2030 Spring
Roseno, Ashley, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science

2026 Spring
Saarinen, Heidi, School of Nursing

2029 Spring
Schauer, Christopher, Animal Sciences

2028 Fall
Staricka, James, Soil Science

2023 Fall
Tulibaski, Katherine, Management and Marketing

2027 Fall
Vachal, Kimberly, Agribusiness and Applied Economics

2028 Spring
Vanderburg, Kyle, Music

2028 Spring
Vetter, Stefan, Pharmaceutical Sciences

2029 spring
Vosen Callens, Melissa, Communication

2029 Summer
Williamson, Julia, Pharmacy Practice

2027 Spring
Wooldridge, Joshua, School of Nursing

2029 Fall
Yodo, Nita, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering

2028 Fall
Yonk, Ryan, Agribusiness and Applied Economics

2026 Fall

Level 2

Ahlering, Marissa, Biological Sciences

2024 Fall
Alshami, Ali, Biomedical Engineering

2024 Fall
Amiri, Ali, Mechanical Engineering

2025 Summer
Anderson, James, Plant Sciences

2025 Spring
Beaver, James, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall
Benn, Justin, School of Education

2023 Fall
Blodgett Salafia, Elizabeth, Human Development and Family Science

2024 Fall
Bolton, Melvin, Plant Pathology

2026 Spring
Bortolon, Leandro, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2024 Fall
Carlson, Zachary, Animal Sciences

2026 Spring
Carr, Patrick, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall
Chao, Wun, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall
Crouse, Matthew, Animal Sciences

2027 Spring
Cushman, Robert, Animal Sciences

2027 Spring
da Silva Diniz, Wellison Jarles, Animal Sciences

2026 Spring
Daigh, Aaron, Soil Science  
2025 Fall
Danielson, Jessica, School of Education  
2026 Fall
Day, Stephanie, Biological Sciences  
2026 Fall
Fauske, Gerald, School of Natural Resource Sciences  
2026 Spring
Fiedler, Jason, Plant Sciences  
2025 Fall
Forster, Shana, Plant Sciences  
2026 Fall
Gasch, Caley, School of Natural Resource Sciences  
2026 Spring
Grier, James, Biological Sciences  
2026 Fall
Heitman, Joshua, School of Natural Resource Sciences  
2027 Spring
Hendrickson, John, School of Natural Resource Sciences  
2027 Spring
Hoffman, Jeanette, School of Education  
2026 Fall
Jansen, Rick, Public Health  
2026 Spring
Johnson, Blaine, Plant Sciences  
2025 Fall
Kalil, Audrey, Plant Sciences  
2026 Fall
Kandel, Shyam, Plant Pathology  
2025 Fall
Kelley, Suzzanne, History, Philosophy and Religion  
2025 Fall
Kim, James, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering  
2026 Fall
Laam, Leslie, Public Health  
2026 Spring
Le, Trung, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering  
2025 Fall
Lemieux, Mariane, Challey School of Music  
2026 Spring
Maassel, Michael, Electrical and Computer Engineering  
2024 Spring
Maddock, Robert, Animal Science  
2026 Spring
McCall, Mary, English  
2026 Fall
McFadden, Lisa, Biomedical Engineering  
2026 Spring
Mulligan, Lawrence, Electrical and Computer Engineering  
2024 Fall
Nicolay, Katelyn, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science  
2024 Fall
O'Brien, Peter, Soil Science  
2026 Fall
Otto, Clint, School of Natural Resource Sciences  
2026 Spring
Pourhashem, Ghasideh, Coatings and Polymeric Materials  
2026 Spring
Pradhan, Gautam Prasad, Plant Sciences  
2025 Fall
Reed, Wendy, Biological Sciences  
2026 Fall
Riley, David, Animal Sciences
2026 Fall
Rinehart, Joseph, Biological Sciences
2026 Fall
Sarkar, Niloy Chandra, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2025 Spring
Schachterle, Jeffrey, Plant Pathology
2025 Fall
Schaefer, Lauren, Psychology
2024 Fall
Simsek, Senay, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Smith, Matthew, Biological Sciences
2025 Fall
Tobin, Colin, Animal Sciences
2026 Spring
Vangsness Frisch, Jane, School of Education
2027 Spring
Vonnahme, Kimberly, Animal Sciences
2026 Spring
Walia, Gursimaran, Computer Science
2026 Fall
Ward, Alison, Animal Sciences
2026 Spring
Wehbi, Nizar, Public Health
2025 Fall
White, Joel, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science
2024 Fall
Wick, Abbey, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2026 Fall
Wiersma, Jochum, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Yadav, Om Prakash, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering
2025 Fall
Yang, Shengming, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Yu, Haipeng, Animal Sciences
2026 Fall
Zeleznik, Joe, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2027 Spring

Level 3

Bonnett, David, PlantSciences
2026 Fall
Carlson, Craig, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Challey, Connor, Challey School of Music
2025 Fall
Clifton, James, Accounting and Information Systems
2026 Spring
Degges, Ronald, Statistics
2026 Fall
DiFiore, Lindsey, Accounting and Information Systems
2026 Spring
Disrud, Stephen, Modern Languages
2026 Spring
Doekott, Curt, Statistics
2026 Fall
Dykes, Linda, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Emerson, Nancy, Accounting and Information Systems
2026 spring
Faris, Justin, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Franco, Jose, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Fugate, Karen, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Gesch, Russell, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Grusak, Michael, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Gupta, Rajeev, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Haagenson, Darrin, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Horvath, David, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Hulke, Brent, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Knapp, Caprice, Public Health
2025 Fall
Kotala, Pratap, Computer Science
2025 Fall
Larson, Jamee, English
2027 Spring
Mergoum, Mohamed, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Myronovych, Oksana, Computer Science
2026 Spring
Nandety, Raja Sekhar, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Newman, Tracy, Public Health
2025 Fall
Njau, Grace, Public Health
2025 Fall
Noonan, Benjamin, Biomedical Engineering
2024 Fall
Ohm, Jae-Bom, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
O’Shea, Amber, School of Education
2024 Fall
Qi, Lili, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Rogers, James, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Ryan, Anneli, Modern Languages
2026 Spring
Samuelson, Lisa, Management and Marketing
2024 Fall
Sanders, Greg, Human Development and Family Science
2025 Spring
Sassi, Enrico, English
2025 Spring
Snider, Alexandria, Animal Sciences
2025 Fall
Travineck, Andrea, Natural Resources Management
2025 Fall
Trela, Brent, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall
Whitney, Amy, Biomedical Engineering
2025 Fall
Wonderlich, Stephen, Public Health
2025 Fall
Xu, Steve, Plant Sciences
2025 Fall

Affiliate Advisor
Short, Karensa, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2026 Spring
Worth, Elizabeth, College of Business
2026 Spring