

Graduate Faculty

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 of supervisory committees for one year. This is not renewable. 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. Their 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

Barnacle, MyKell, School of Nursing

2029 Spring

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
Drescher, 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
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
Hohman, Adam, School of Nursing
 2029 Fall
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
Prasifka, Jarrad, Entomology
 2027 Fall
Qi, Xiaoning, Coatings and Polymeric Materials

2027 Spring

Rabia, Ahmed Harb, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

2027 Spring

Roseno, Ashley, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science

2026 Spring

Saارينen, 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, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Science

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

Augustin, Christopher, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2026 Fall

Beaver, James, Plant Sciences

2025 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

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 Science

2026 Spring

Daigh, Aaron, Soil Science

2025 Fall

Danielson, Jessica, School of Education
 2026 Fall
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
 2023 Fall
Hassel, Holly, English
 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
Lupton, Sara, School of Natural Resource Sciences
 2026 Fall
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
Palit, Rakhi, School of Natural Resource Sciences
 2027 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

2024 Fall

Torson, Alex, Biological Sciences

2026 Fall

Vangsness-Frisch, Jane, School of Education

2027 Spring

Vonnahme, Kimberly, Animal Sciences

2026 Spring

Walia, Gursimran, 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

Xia, Wenjie, Coatings and Polymeric Materials

2026 Fall

Yadav, Om Prakash, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering

2025 Fall

Yang, Shengming, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Yu, Haipeng, Animal Sciences

2026 Fall

Zelevnik, Joe, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2027 Spring

Level 3

Bonnett, David, Plant Sciences

2026 Fall

Carlson, Craig, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Challey, Connor, Music

2025 Fall

Clifton, James, Accounting and Information Systems

2026 Spring

Degges, Ronald, Statistics

2026 Fall

DiFiore, Lindsey, Accounting and Information Systems

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
Piercy, Cameron, Communication
 2027 Spring
Qi, Lili, Plant Sciences
 2025 Fall
Rogers, James, Plant Sciences
 2025 Fall
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

2023 Fall