Graduate Faculty Appointments

16.2. Affiliate Graduate Faculty

Qualified individuals who are not Full Graduate Faculty members may still contribute to the scholarship and professional development of graduate students. Affiliate Members of the Graduate Faculty are individuals whose educational background and experience qualify them to effectively teach and mentor students within NDSU graduate programs. Affiliate status does not grant the additional rights or privileges held by Full Members of the NDSU Graduate Faculty.

To nominate an individual for Affiliate Graduate Faculty status, submit the Affiliate Graduate Faculty Nomination form (https://powerforms.docusign.net/b51d1f0b-7075-44f9-be79-59648eeac0d0?env=na3&acct=1ceb9a57-b6a3-4df7-b655-d64cf8f1c2d7&accountId=1ceb9a57-b6a3-4df7-b655-d64cf8f1c2d7) and attach the nominee's current curriculum vitae. The nomination form requires the nominator to indicate the level of Affiliate Faculty Status (see below) the program proposes the applicant should be given. The nomination must be approved by the department chair, head or director of the academic unit and the dean of the academic college in which the program resides. If approved, the nomination is 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.

This same process is used for reappointments.

Termination: A department can terminate an individual's Affiliate Graduate Faculty status without terminating their position.

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.

16.2.1. Professors of Practice and Research Professors

Professors of Practice may be nominated by their department chairs for Affiliate Graduate Faculty status at either of the three levels. The duties and criteria for each level remain the same, but the term is open-ended. Affiliate status does not grant the additional rights or privileges held by Full Members of the NDSU Graduate Faculty.

Renewals: There is no need for Professors of Practice to be renominated for Graduate Faculty status unless the department is requesting a change in level (i.e., level 3 to level 2, etc.). When a Professor of Practice’s appointment is renewed, their Affiliate Graduate Faculty status is also renewed, automatically, so long as there is no change in the individual’s research percentage.

Should the research percentage be reduced, the department must renominate the individual for Graduate Faculty Status.

There are three levels of Affiliate Graduate Faculty Members, the appointment level will be determined by the qualifications of the applicant. Affiliate status does not grant the additional rights or privileges held by Full Members of the NDSU Graduate Faculty.

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
Amiri, Ali, Mechanical Engineering
Open
Atanda, Sikiru, Plant Sciences
2032 Spring

Barnacle, MyKell, School of Nursing
Open
Benna, Justin, School of Education
Open
Benning, Kerri, School of Nursing
2029 Spring
Biermacher, Jon, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2029 Spring
Borowicz, Pawel, Animal Sciences
Open
Boyer, Jeff, School of Education
2029 Fall
Brunsvold (Burkett Vetter), Abigail, School of Nursing
2029 Spring
Bullock, David, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
Open
Buncher, John, Physics
Open
Carson, Paul, Public Health
2027 Spring
Cernusca, Dan, Pharmacy Practice
Open
Chapara, Venkata, Plant Pathology, Microbiology and Biotechnology
2028 Fall
Condry, Danielle, Plant Pathology, Microbiology and Biotechnology
Open
Drescher, Matthew, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science
Open
Ewert, Dan, Electrical and Computer Engineering
2027 Spring
Foye, Brandon, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science
Open
Geaumont, Benjamin, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2029 Fall
Gibbs, Rachel, Animal Sciences
2029 Fall
Greseth, Sheila, School of Nursing
Open
Gross, Dean, School of Nursing
2029 Summer
Heilman Morales, Ana, Agriculutral and Biosystems Engineering
2030 Spring
Hoang, Khang, Physics
2028 Spring
Kalina, Emily, School of Nursing
2027 Fall
Koparan, Cengiz, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2026 Fall
Leng, Yueqiang (Michael), Plant Pathology, Microbiology and Biotechnology
Open
Littlefield, Robert, Communication
2027 Spring
McMullen, Michael, Plant Sciences
2031 spring
McQueston, Jessica, School of Education
2027 Fall
Nelson, Carrie, School of Nursing
2029 Spring
Ostlie, Michael, Plant Sciences
2028 Fall
Peltier, Allison, School of Nursing
Open

Prasifka, Jarrad, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2027 Fall
Qi, Xiaoning, Coatings and Polymeric Materials
2027 Spring
Rabia, Ahmed Harb, Agriculutral and Biosystems Engineering
2030 Spring
Saarinen, Heidi, School of Nursing
Open
Schauer, Christopher, Animal Sciences
2028 Fall
Sinha, Sangita, Biochemistry
2030 Spring
Staricka, James, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2029 Fall
Subramanian, Hariharaputhiran, Chemistry and Biochemistry
Open
Tulibaski, Katherine, Management and Marketing
Open
Vachal, Kimberly, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2028 Spring
Vanderburg, Kyle, Challey School of Music
Open
Vetter, Stefan, Pharmaceutical Sciences
2029 Spring
Vosen Callens, Melissa, Communication
Open
Wang, Xingyu, Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering
Open
White, Joel, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science
2030 Spring
Williamson, Julia, Pharmacy Practice
2027 Spring
Wooldridge, Joshua, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science
2029 Fall
Wyatt, Nathan, Plant Pathology, Microbiology and Biotechnology
2030 Spring
Yodo, Nita, Industrial & Manufacturing Engineering
2028 Fall
Yonk, Ryan, Agribusiness and Applied Economics

2026 Fall

Level 2

Ajayi-Banji, Ademola, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2026 Fall
Anderson, James, Plant Sciences
2028 Fall
Augustin, Christopher, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2026 Fall
Beaver, James, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Becton, Hope, Plant Sciences
2028 Spring
Beik, Omid, Electrical and Computer Engineering
2027 Spring
Beyer, Erin, Animal Sciences
2026 Fall
Bortolon, Leandro, Animal Sciences
2027 Spring
Cabello Leiva, Sergio, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2027 Spring
Cameron, Kelly, English

2027 Fall
Carlson, Craig, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Chandra Sarkar, Niloy, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2027 Spring
Chu, Chenggen, Plant Sciences
2027 Spring
Crouse, Matthew, Animal Sciences
2027 Spring
Cushman, Robert, Animal Sciences
2027 Spring
Danielson, Jessica, Counselor Education
Open
Day, Stephanie, Biological Sciences
2026 Fall
Dykes, Linda, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Faris, Justin, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Fauske, Gerald, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2026 Fall
Fiedler, Jason, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Forster, Shana, Plant Sciences
2026 Fall
Friesen, Timothy, Plant Pathology, Microbiology and Biotechnology
2026 Fall
Gao, Zhili (Jerry), Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering
2027 Fall
Grier, James, Biological Sciences
2026 Fall
Gupta, Rajeev, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
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
Open
Horvath, David, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Hulke, Brent
2029 Spring
Jenks, Brian, Plant Sciences
2027 Spring
Kalil, Audrey, Plant Sciences
2026 Fall
Karn, Rupak, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2027 Spring
Katuwal, Krishna, Plant Sciences
2027 Spring
Keller, Andrew, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2028 Spring
Kellogg, Laura, Challey School of Music
2029 Spring
Khan, Qasim, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2029 Spring
Kim, Dongin, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
Open
Kim, James, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

2026 Fall
Le, Chau, Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering
2027 Fall
Lupton, Sara, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2026 Fall
Mallik, Sanku, Pharmaceutical Sciences
2026 Fall
McCall, Mary, English
2026 Fall
Mergoum, Mohamed, Plant Sciences
2028 Fall
Mullet, Natira, Human Development and Family Science
2028 Spring
Nandety, Raja Sekhar, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
O'Brien, Peter, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2026 Fall
Otto, Clint, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2026 Fall
Palit, Rakhi, School of Natural Resource Sciences
Open
Peters Haugrud, Amanda, Plant Sciences
2027 Spring
Quail, Lacey, Animal Sciences
2026 Fall
Reed, Wendy, Biological Sciences
2026 Fall
Refling, William, Mechanical Engineering
Open
Richter, Annett, Challey School of Music
2028 Fall
Riley, David, Animal Sciences
2026 Fall
Rinehart, Joseph, Biological Sciences
2026 Fall
SenGupta, Indranil, Mathematics
2027 Spring
Smith, Matthew, Biological Sciences
Open
Sthapit Kandel, Jinita, Plant Sciences
2028 Spring
Strahm, Anna, Psychology
2029 Spring
Striker, Ryan, Biomedical Engineering
2029 Spring
Tlusty, Catherine, Challey School of Music
2028 Fall
Tobin, Colin, Animal Sciences
2026 Fall
Torson, Alex, Biological Sciences
2026 Fall
Underwood, William, Plant Pathology, Microbiology and Biotechnology
2027 Spring
Vangsness Frisch, Jane, School of Education
2027 Spring
Vegi, Anuradha, Plant Sciences
Open
Venkatachalem, Sathish, Pharmaceutical Sciences
2029 Spring
Vettern, Rachelle, Agricultural and Family Education
2029 Spring
Walia, Gursimran, Computer Science

2026 Fall
Wick, Abbey, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2026 Fall
Wiersma, Jochum, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Wisenden, Brian, Biological Sciences
2027 Spring
Wissman, Katie, Psychology
2028 Fall
Xia, Wenjie, Coatings and Polymeric Materials
2026 Fall
Yang, Shengming, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Yellavajjala, Ravi, Civil, Construction and Environmental Engineering
2028 Fall
Yu, Haipeng, Animal Sciences
2026 Fall
Zeleznik, Joe, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2027 Spring
Zhuang, Xiting, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2028 Spring
Zitnick Anderson, Kimberly, Plant Pathology, Microbiology and Biotechnology
Open
Zurita, Carlos, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2027 Spring

Level 3

Ahlering, Marissa, Biological Sciences
2027 Spring
Anast, Justin, Plant Pathology, Microbiology and Biotechnology
2026 Fall
Beck, Sarah, English
2027 Fall
Bonnett, David, Plant Sciences
2026 Fall
Degges, Ronald, Statistics
Open
Doetkott, Curt, Statistics
2026 Fall
Dogramaci, Munevver, Plant Sciences
2027 Spring
Emerson, Nancy, Accounting and Information Systems
2029 Spring
Fistonich, Chris, Plant Pathology, Microbiology and Biotechnology
2028 Fall
Gesch, Russell, Plant Sciences
2028 Spring
Gomes, Victor, Plant Sciences
2027 Spring
Gruener, Chandler, School of Natural Resource Sciences
2027 Spring
Grusak, Michael, Plant Pathology, Microbiology and Biotechnology
2028 Spring
Johnson, Blaine, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Kaya, Ozkan, Plant Sciences
2027 Spring
Ketterling, Julie, School of Nursing
Open
Kotala, Pratap, Computer Science
2029 Spring

Kumar Mathanker, Sunil, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2028 Fall
Larson, Jamee, English
2027 Spring
Nelson, Kayla, Challey School of Music
2028 Fall
Piercy, Cameron, Communication
2027 Spring
Pradhan, Gautam Prasad, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Rogers, James, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Schmitz, Kaitlin, School of Nursing
Open
Trela, Brent, Plant Sciences
2028 Fall
Tyler, Katie, Agricultural and Family Education
2027 Spring
Tyre, Brenda, Accounting and Information Systems
2026 Fall
Uselman, Tamara, School of Education
2027 Spring
Webb, Brett, Plant Pathology, Microbiology and Biotechnology
2026 Fall
Xu, Steve, Plant Sciences
2029 Spring
Yin, Xiang, Plant Sciences
2028 Fall