

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.

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
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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

Addy, 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, Agricultural 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, Agricultural 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

Doetskott, 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