

# Graduate Faculty

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## 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 to 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.

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## 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

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## 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)

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## 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

**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, 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

**Zeleznik, 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