

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 (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. 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

Barnacle, MyKell, School of Nursing

2029 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

2030 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
Gibbs, Rachel, Animal Sciences
 2029 Fall
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
McQueston, Jessica, School of Education
 2027 Fall
Mushet, David, Environmental and Conservation Science
 2025 Spring
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
 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

Sinha, Sangita, Chemistry and Biochemistry

2026 Spring

Staricka, James, Soil Science

2029 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

White, Joel, Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science

2024 Fall

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

Ajayi-Bangi, Ademola Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

2026 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

Beyer, Erin, Animal Sciences

2026 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

Friesen, Timothy, Plant Pathology

2026 Fall

Gasch, Caley, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2026 Spring

Grier, James, Biological Sciences

2026 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

Lemieux, Mariane, Challey School of Music

2026 Spring

Maddock, Robert, Animal Science

2026 Spring

Mallik, Sanku, Pharmaceutical Sciences

2026 Fall

McCall, Mary, English

2026 Fall

McFadden, Lisa, Biomedical Engineering

2026 Spring

O'Brien, Peter, Soil Science

2026 Fall

Otto, Clint, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2026 Spring

Palit, Rakhi, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2027 Spring

Pourhashem, Ghasideh, Coatings and Polymeric Materials

2026 Spring

Pradhan, Gautam Prasad, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Quail, Lacey, Animal Sciences

2026 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

Simsek, Senay, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Smith, Matthew, Biological Sciences

2027 Spring

Tobin, Colin, Animal Sciences

2026 Spring

Torson, Alex, Biological Sciences

2026 Fall

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

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

Zitnick Anderson, Kimberly, Plant Pathology

2026 Fall

Zurita, Carlos, Agribusiness and Applied Economics

2027 Spring

Level 3

Anast, Justin, Microbiology

2026 Fall

Bonnett, David, Plant Sciences

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
Gruener, Chandler, School of Natural Resource Sciences
 2027 Spring
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
Ohm, Jae-Bom, Plant Sciences
 2025 Fall
Qi, Lili, Plant Sciences
 2025 Fall
Rogers, James, Plant Sciences
 2025 Fall
Ryan, Anneli, Modern Languages
 2026 Spring
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

Tyre, Brenda, Accounting and Information Systems

2026 Fall

Uselman, Tamara, School of Education

2027 Spring

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