

Animal Sciences

Department Information

- **Department Head:**
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- **Graduate Coordinator:**
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- **Department Location:**
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- **Department Web Site:**
www.ag.ndsu.edu/ansc/ (<http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ansc/>)
- **Application Deadline:**
Applications are accepted for fall, spring and summer semester admits.
- **Credential Offered:**
Ph.D., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 105

Application Process

Contact Potential Advisor

Prospective students are ***strongly encouraged*** to contact potential advisors in the department before formal application to the Graduate School so that the student can determine if the faculty member is currently accepting new students and to determine if the faculty member(s) research program is an appropriate fit for both the student and faculty member(s). Official approval of admission does not occur until approval through the Graduate School and agreement of a faculty member(s) to accept the student as an advisee in their research program.

Application Through Graduate School

Applications are submitted to the Graduate School through the Application Website (<https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply/>). Requirements for admission to the graduate school for domestic and international students are also listed on this website. Our department does not require students to have taken the GRE exam. Information on requirements for International Applicants (<https://www.ndsu.edu/gradschool/apply/international/>) including English Proficiency are also provided through the Graduate School. Once the Graduate School has received a complete application, it is forwarded to the department for review. Each graduate program makes its own recommendation, but the final admission decision is the responsibility of the Dean of the College of Graduate and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Financial Support

Assistantships

Graduate research assistantships are available on a competitive basis. Graduate assistants are typically full-time graduate students who participate in teaching, research, Extension, and/or other departmental activities in exchange for financial support at North Dakota State University. Graduate assistantships are typically considered ½ time in the Department of Animal Sciences, which equates to approximately 20 hours of work per week. Weekly duties are coordinated in consultation with the student's graduate advisor. Most research assistantships in the Department of Animal Sciences are supported from grant funds obtained by individual faculty members. Student tuition waivers (coordinated through the College of Agriculture, Food Science, and Natural Resources) are also currently granted for students receiving an assistantship. Students are still required to pay student fees. Students are referred to the Graduate Assistantship Policies (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/graduate/graduate-school-policies/graduate-assistantship-policy/>) in the Graduate Catalog for further information. The department has a limited number of full- and half-time fellowships to support graduate students with priority to incoming students from North Dakota. The faculty member for which the student is, or will be, working with is responsible for submitting fellowship applications to the departmental Graduate Coordinator for review by the departmental graduate committee when calls for applications are made.