

Plant Pathology

Department Information

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- **Application Deadline:**
International applications are due May 1 for fall semester and August 1 for spring and summer semesters. Domestic applicants should apply at least one month prior to the start of classes.
- **Credential Offered:**
Ph.D., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL ibt 79; IELTS 6.5; Duolingo 105

The Department of Plant Pathology offers graduate study leading to the Master of Science (M.S.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees. Advanced degrees may involve specialized training in the following areas: host-parasite genetics, molecular biology and genomics, epidemiology, soil and seed-borne diseases, microbial ecology, and integrated disease management. Student research and academic programs are tailored to individual needs and interests.

Five graduate faculty members are housed in the Northern Crops Science Laboratory located on campus. This relationship provides additional opportunities for research and consultation.

Admission Requirements

The Department of Plant Pathology graduate program is open to all qualified graduates of universities and colleges of recognized standing. In addition to the Graduate College requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/graduate/admission-information/>), the applicant must have adequate preparation in Plant Pathology or Biology.

Financial Assistance

Research assistantships and part-time positions are available in the department. Applicants are considered on the basis of scholarship and potential to undertake advanced study and research. To be considered for an assistantship, a completed Graduate College application, official transcripts, and three letters of reference must be submitted. In addition to these materials, international applicants must also submit TOEFL scores. These items must be submitted to the Graduate College.