

Graduate Faculty Appointments

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.

To nominate someone for Affiliate Graduate Faculty status 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 attach the nominee's current curriculum vitae. The nomination form requires the nominator to indicate the level of Affiliate Faculty Membership the program proposes the applicant should be given. The nomination must be approved by the department chair, head or director of the academic unit. If approved, the nomination is review by the Graduate Council This request is forwarded to the dean of the academic college in which the program resides for approval. 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.

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.

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.

Termination: A department can terminate an individual's Affiliate Graduate Faculty status without terminating their position.

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, Nursing
2029 Spring

Biermacher, Jon, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2029 Spring

Borowicz, Pawel, Animal Sciences
2029 Summer

Boyer, Jeff, School of Education
2029 Fall

Brunsvold (Burkett Vetter), Abigail, Nursing
2029 Spring

Bullock, David, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2030 Spring

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

Drescher, Matthew, HNES
2029 Fall

Dybing, Alan, Transportation and Logistics
2026 Spring

Ewert, Dan, Electrical and Computer Engineering
2027 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
2029 Fall

Gibbs, Rachel, Animal Sciences
2029 Fall

Gross, Dean, 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

Kalina, Emily, Nursing
2027 Fall

Koparan, Cengiz, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
2026 Fall

Leitch, Jay, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
2026 Spring

Littlefield, Robert, Communication
2027 Spring

McQueston, Jessica, School of Education
2027 Fall

Nelson, Carrie, Nursing
2029 Spring

Ostlie, Michael, Plant Sciences
2028 Fall

Peltier, Allison, School of Nursing
2029 Fall

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, Biochemistry

2030 Spring

Staricka, James, Natural Resource Sciences

2029 Fall

Subramanian, Hariharaputhiran, Chemistry and Biochemistry

2031 Spring

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

2030 Spring

Williamson, Julia, Pharmacy Practice

2027 Spring

Wooldridge, Joshua, HNES

2029 Fall

Wyatt, Nathan, Plant Pathology

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

Augustin, Christopher, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2026 Fall

Beaver, James, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Beik, Omid, Electrical and Computer Engineering

2027 Spring

Beyer, Erin, Animal Sciences

2026 Fall

Bolton, Melvin, Plant Pathology

2026 Spring

Bortolon, Leandro, Animal Sciences

2027 Spring

Cabello Leiva, Sergio, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2027 Spring

Carlson, Zachary, Animal Sciences

2026 Spring

Carr, Patrick, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Chandra Sarkar, Niloy, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

2027 spring
Chao, Wun, Plant Sciences
 2025 Fall
Chu, Chenggen, Plant Sciences
 2027 Spring
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, Counselor Education
 2026 Fall
Day, Stephanie, Biological Science
 2026 Fall
Fauske, Gerald, School of Natural Resource Sciences
 2026 Fall
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
Jenks, Brian, Plant Sciences
 2027 Spring
Johnson, Blaine, Plant Sciences
 2025 Fall
Kalil, Audrey, Plant Sciences
 2026 Fall
Kandel, Shyam, Plant Pathology
 2025 Fall
Karn, Rupak, Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
 2027 Spring
Katuwal, Krishna, Plant Sciences
 2027 Spring
Kelley, Suzzanne, History, Philosophy and Religion
 2025 Fall
Kim, Dongin, Agribusiness and Applied Economics
 2027 Spring
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

Lupton, Sara, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2026 Fall

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, Natural Resource Sciences

2026 Fall

Otto, Clint, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2026 Fall

Palit, Rakhi, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2027 Spring

Peters Haugrud, Amanda, Plant 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 Science

2026 Fall

Riley, David, Animal Sciences

2026 Fall

Rinehart, Joseph, Biological Sciences

2026 Fall

Schachterle, Jeffrey, Plant Pathology

2025 Fall

SenGupta, Indranil, Mathematics

2027 Spring

Simsek, Senay, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Smith, Matthew, Biological Sciences

2027 Spring

Strommen, Jane, Human Development & Family Science

2026 Spring

Tobin, Colin, Animal Sciences

2026 Fall

Torson, Alex, Biological Science

2026 Fall

Underwood, William, Plant Pathology

2027 Spring

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

Wick, Abbey, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2026 Fall

Wiersma, Jochum, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Wisenden, Brian, Biological Sciences

2027 spring

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

Zitnick Anderson, Kimberly, Plant Pathology

2026 Fall

Zurita, Carlos, Agribusiness and Applied Economics

2027 Spring

Level 3

Ahlering, Marissa, Biological Sciences

2027 Spring

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, School of Humanities

2026 Spring

Doetskott, Curt, Statistics

2026 Fall

Dogramaci, Munevver, Plant Sciences

2027 Spring

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

Gesch, Russell, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Gomes, Victor, Plant Sciences

2027 Spring

Gruener, Chandler, School of Natural Resource Sciences

2027 Spring

Grusak, Michael, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Gupta, Rajee, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Haagenson, Darrin, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Horvath, David, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Hulke, Brent, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Kaya, Ozkan, Plant Sciences

2027 Spring

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

Piercy, Cameron, Communication

2027 Spring

Qi, Lili, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Rogers, James, Plant Sciences

2025 Fall

Ryan, Anneli, School of Humanities

2026 Spring

Snider, Alexandria, Animal Sciences

2025 Fall

Travineck, Andrea, Natural Resources Management

2025 Fall

Trela, Brent, Plant Sciences

2025 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, Microbiology

2026 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

2026 Spring