Genomics, Phenomics, and Bioinformatics

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- **Credential Offered:**
  Ph.D., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
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Samat Amat, Ph.D.
University of Calgary, Canada, 2019
Department: Microbiological Sciences
Research Interests: Animal Microbiome

Nonoy Bandillo, Ph.D.
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2016
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interests: Pulse Breeding, Genetics

Samiran Banerjee, Ph.D.
University of Saskatchewan, 2012
Department: Microbiological Sciences
Research Interests: Agriculture Microbiomes; Plant-Microbe Interactions

Michael J. Christoffers, Ph.D.
University of Missouri-Columbia, 1998
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interest: Weed Molecular Genetics

Anne Denton, Ph.D.
University of Mainz, 1996
Department: Computer Science
Research Interest: Data Mining, Bioinformatics

Justin D. Faris, Ph.D.
Kansas State University, 1999
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interest: Wheat Molecular Genetics

Jason Fiedler, Ph.D.
The Scripps Research Institute, 2012
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interests: Bioinformatics, High-throughput Genotying, Small Grains Genetics

Paulo Flores, Ph.D.
Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, 2008
Department: Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
Research Interests: Precision Agriculture, Applications of UASs/Drones in Agriculture, UASs/Drone Imagery Analysis, GIS Applications for Precision Agriculture

Timothy Friesen, Ph.D.
North Dakota State University, 2001
Department: Plant Pathology
Research Interest: Host-Pathogen Interactions of Cereals

Barney Geddes, Ph.D.
University of Manitoba, Canada, 2014
Department: Microbiological Sciences
Research Interests: Plant Microbe Interactions

Upinder Gill, Ph.D.
Washington State University, 2012
Department: Plant Pathology
Research Interests: Host-Microbe Interactions, Genetics and Genomics of Plant Disease Resistance

Rich Horsley, Ph.D.
North Dakota State University, 1988
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interests: Barley Breeding, Genetics

David P. Horvath, Ph.D.
Michigan State University, 1993
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interest: Perennial Weed Physiology

Rick Jansen, Ph.D.
University of Minnesota, 2009
Department: Public Health
Research Interest: Molecular and Genomic Epidemiology

Xuehui Li, Ph.D
University of Georgia, 2009
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interests: Statistical Genomics

Zhaohui Liu, Ph.D.
North Dakota State University, 2006
Department: Plant Pathology
Research Interest: Host-Parasite Interactions of Wheat

Phillip E. McLean, Ph.D.
Colorado State University, 1982
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interest: Plant Molecular Genetics

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University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, 1984
Department: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Research Interest: Protein Structure/Function

Carrie Miranda, Ph.D.
University of Missouri, 2018
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interests: Legume Molecular Genetics and Bioinformatics

Juan Osorno, Ph.D.
North Dakota State University, 2006
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interests: Legume Genetics/Genomics and Synteny

Birgit Pruess, Ph.D.
Ruhr-Universitat Bochum, 1991
Department: Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences
Research Interest: Microbial Physiology and Gene Regulation

Jack B. Rasmussen Ph.D.
Michigan State University, 1987  
Department: Plant Pathology  
Research Interest: Molecular Plant/Microbe Interactions

**Katie Reindl, Ph.D.**  
North Dakota State University, 2006  
Department: Biological Sciences  
Research interest: Cancer cell biology

**Saeed Salem, Ph.D.**  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, 2009  
Department: Computer Science  
Research Interest: Bioinformatics Analysis of Biological Networks

**Sarah Signor, Ph.D.**  
University of California-Davis, 2013  
Department: Biological Sciences  
Research Interests: Insect Evolutionary Genomics

**Vasant A. Ubhaya, Ph.D.**  
University of California-Berkeley, 1971  
Department: Computer Science and Operations Research  
Research Interest: Algorithm Analysis, Operations Research

**Changhui Yan, Ph.D.**  
Iowa State University, 2005  
Department: Computer Science  
Research interest: Computational Bioinformatics