




# ENGAGEMENT COLLABORATION SUCCESS

Communication  
Graduate Programs

**NDSU** NORTH DAKOTA  
STATE UNIVERSITY



# COMMUNICATION

**At NDSU,** you'll find a collaborative and collegial scholarly community that combines personal attention with a national reputation for excellence. Students work closely with outstanding scholars and mentors to achieve their academic and professional goals.

With programs at both the **master's** and **doctoral** levels, we are dedicated to creating scholarship that identifies and develops meaningful solutions to contemporary issues.

FOCUS AREAS: **ORGANIZATIONAL COMMUNICATION**  
**MEDIA, TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY**

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## EARNING A DOCTORATE AT NDSU

Our doctoral students conduct research with nationally recognized faculty, teach a variety of courses and receive extensive pedagogical training. Students are expected to publish two to three publications and present at multiple conventions by graduation.

Learn more at:

[www.ndsu.edu/communication/phd\\_program](http://www.ndsu.edu/communication/phd_program)

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A portrait of Whitney (Frahm) Anderson, a young woman with blonde hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue dress with a floral pattern. The background is a blurred green, suggesting an outdoor setting with trees.

"IT'S FULFILLING TO  
SOLVE REAL-WORLD  
PROBLEMS WITH  
MY RESEARCH,  
AND I'M PROUD  
OF THE TEACHING  
SKILLS I'VE GAINED.  
COMBINED, THESE  
EXPERIENCES MAKE ME  
A MORE MARKETABLE  
CANDIDATE AFTER  
GRADUATION."

**WHITNEY (FRAHM) ANDERSON**

doctoral student, teaching assistant, M.A. 2010



A portrait of Shweta Sharma, a woman with dark hair, wearing a red top and a blue and brown patterned scarf. She is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred outdoor setting.

“THIS PROGRAM IS  
UNIQUE IN ITS APPROACH,  
AS IT COMBINES  
THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE  
WITH PROFESSIONAL  
GROOMING. THE APPLIED  
COMMUNICATION  
RESEARCH FOCUS NOT  
ONLY PREPARES US FOR  
THE JOB MARKET, BUT  
ALSO EQUIPS US TO  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
TO SOCIETY.”

**SHWETA SHARMA**

doctoral student, teaching  
assistant, M.A. 2013

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## OUR MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM

For students interested in pursuing graduate studies, we offer a Master of Arts in Communication degree. The flexibility of the program allows students to explore several topics of interest during their course work. In addition, the program can be tailored for academic (thesis option) and professional (exam option) careers.

For more information:

[www.ndsu.edu/communication/masters\\_program](http://www.ndsu.edu/communication/masters_program)

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*Ruoxu Wang, M.S. 2013*

## GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

We offer research and teaching assistantships that include a generous stipend, tuition waiver and a contribution toward a health insurance premium (doctoral students). Travel support also is available to graduate students presenting conference papers.

“THE COLLABORATION  
BETWEEN FACULTY AND  
STUDENTS ON RESEARCH  
HELPS STUDENTS  
ADVANCE AS SCHOLARS  
AND ELIMINATES THE  
STRESS OF COMPETITION  
AMONG STUDENTS.  
DOCTORAL WORK IS  
CHALLENGING, BUT  
HAVING FACULTY AND  
FELLOW GRADUATE  
STUDENTS SUPPORTING  
YOU MAKES IT MORE  
ENJOYABLE.”

**JUSTIN MOTTO**

doctoral student and  
teaching/research assistant



## NDSU AND FARGO

NDSU is a student-focused, land-grant, research university — an economic engine that educates students, conducts primary research, creates new knowledge and advances technology. NDSU is ranked 84 among 395 public universities based on research expenditures reported to the National Science Foundation.

Fargo, N.D., and Moorhead, Minn., are the center of a metropolitan area of more than 230,000 people. Located in the prime agricultural land of the Red River Valley of the North, the community is nationally regarded as a vibrant and safe place to live and work.

For more information about the NDSU Department of Communication, visit

[www.ndsu.edu/communication](http://www.ndsu.edu/communication).



## NDSU GRADUATE SCHOOL AT A GLANCE.

- More than 2,000 graduate students
- Programs in seven colleges
- More than 600 graduate faculty members
- International students from more than 80 countries comprise more than 25 percent of the graduate student body
- Research expenditures exceeding \$155 million

# FACULTY

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Group and Organizational Communication

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## **CHARLES OKIGBO**

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## **CARRIE ANNE PLATT**

Rhetoric and Technology

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## **JUSTIN WALDEN**

Organizational Communication and Public Relations

## **DAVID WESTERMAN**

Computer-Mediated Communication