

NDSU Agriculture 2026 Faculty and Staff Awards

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Celebrating Excellence

Nominate a colleague making an impact!

Recognize outstanding faculty and staff from:

- College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CAFSNR)
- North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station (NDAES)
- NDSU Extension

Awards Include

- Research
- Teaching and Advising
- Extension
- Staff Excellence
- Access and Opportunity

Award Recipients Receive

- \$1,000 honorarium for Research, Teaching and Advising, Extension, and Staff Awards
- \$2,000 in programming support for the Access and Opportunity Award

Eligibility

Prior award recipients are eligible for nomination in the same category if they have not received that award in the past five years.

Nominations for each award may be submitted by any employee but are limited to one nominee per department or unit. Criteria differ by category.

Full details are available on the Faculty and Staff Awards page located at www.ndsu.edu/vpag.



Nomination Deadline
October 19, 2026

Award Categories

Research Awards North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station

Larson/Yaggie Excellence in Research Award

NDAES established this annual award to recognize outstanding faculty and Research Extension Center principal investigators. Individuals with 10 or fewer years of service to NDAES are eligible for nomination. Nominees must hold a research appointment in NDAES, be in the 2000 job band, and have made a significant research contribution that addresses an applied problem or increases the basic knowledge of the area investigated.

Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Research Award

NDAES established this annual award to recognize outstanding faculty and Research Extension Center principal investigators. Individuals with more than 10 years of service to NDAES (beginning with their 11th year and beyond) are eligible for nomination. Nominees must hold a research appointment in NDAES, be in the 2000 job band, and have a distinguished research program in basic or applied sciences that has gained significant recognition in the state, region, or nation and/or internationally.

Teaching & Advising Awards College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources

Earl and Dorothy Foster Excellence in Teaching Award

CAFSNR established this annual award to recognize outstanding teaching faculty. Individuals with 10 or fewer years of service to CAFSNR are eligible for nomination. Nominees must hold a teaching appointment in CAFSNR and be in the 2000 job band. The award encourages and rewards excellence in teaching at all levels and among all disciplines.

H. Roald and Janet Lund Excellence in Teaching Award

CAFSNR established this annual award to recognize outstanding teaching faculty. Individuals with more than 10 years of service to CAFSNR (beginning with their 11th year and beyond) are eligible for nomination. Nominees must hold a teaching appointment in CAFSNR and be in the 2000 job band. The award encourages and rewards excellence in teaching at all levels and among all disciplines.

William J. and Angelyn A. Austin Excellence in Advising Award

CAFSNR established this annual award to recognize the contributions of faculty and staff who have demonstrated excellence in advising undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in CAFSNR and/or its student organizations.

Award Categories continued

Extension Awards **NDSU Extension**

Excellence in Extension Early Career Award

NDSU Extension established this annual award to encourage and reward significant accomplishments and excellence in Extension educational programs. Individuals with 10 or fewer cumulative years of service to NDSU Extension are eligible for nomination. Nominees must hold an Extension appointment and be in the 2000 job band. Nominations are inclusive to county agents and specialists in the NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources.

AGSCO Excellence in Extension Award

NDSU Extension established this annual award to encourage and reward significant accomplishments and excellence in Extension educational programs. Individuals with more than 10 cumulative years of service to NDSU Extension (beginning with their 11th year and beyond) are eligible for nomination. Nominees must hold an Extension appointment and be in the 2000 job band. Nominations are inclusive to county agents and specialists in the NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources.

Staff Awards **NDSU Agriculture**

Charles and Linda Moses Staff Award

NDSU Agriculture established this annual award to recognize significant contributions to the mission of NDSU Agriculture by professional staff. Nominees must be in the 3000 job band and have at least three years of continuous service in a staff position with an appointment in CAFSNR, NDAES or NDSU Extension. Nominations are inclusive to professional staff on and off campus.

Donald and Jo Anderson Staff Award

This annual award recognizes significant contributions to the mission of NDSU Agriculture by office support staff. Nominees must have at least three years of continuous experience in the 5000 job band (office support) and hold an appointment in CAFSNR, NDAES, or Extension, whether on campus or off campus. County Extension support staff are also eligible and must have at least three years of continuous experience.

Rick and Jody Burgum Staff Award

This award recognizes significant contributions to the mission of NDSU Agriculture by support staff in technical and paraprofessional, crafts/trades or services positions. Nominees must be in the 4000, 6000 or 7000 job band and have at least three years of continuous service in a staff position with an appointment in CAFSNR, NDAES or NDSU Extension. Nominations are inclusive to technical and paraprofessional, crafts/trades or services staff positions on and off campus.

Access & Opportunity **NDSU Agriculture**

Access and Opportunity Award

NDSU Agriculture established this annual award to recognize innovative efforts that advance programs and initiatives that promote universal access, collaboration and partnerships, student success, and expanded educational access and opportunity. Eligible nominees include individuals, groups, departments or units, committees, and faculty- or staff-led initiatives that have made a significant impact through work completed or substantially advanced within the past calendar year.

Nominees must demonstrate meaningful impact in one or more of the following areas:

- **Programs and Policies that Promote Universal Access** – Designing and integrating programs, curricula, outreach opportunities and policies that promote universal access, opportunity, respect, and connection.
- **Collaborative Opportunities and Partnerships** – Expanding inclusive and collaborative opportunities and partnerships that help students, staff, and faculty succeed in a globally connected world.
- **Innovative Educational and Extension Opportunities** – Delivering innovative educational or Extension opportunities that enhance learning experiences for a wide range of audiences, backgrounds, abilities, locations, ages, races, ethnicities, and genders.
- **Engagement of Nontraditional Agricultural Audiences** – Increasing participation in programs and enrollment among students from nontraditional agricultural audiences.

Nominations may be submitted by any student, staff member, faculty member, or administrator. A review team from the Agriculture Council for Access and Opportunity (ACAO) will evaluate all nominations. To ensure a fair and impartial process, ACAO members nominated for the award will not participate in the review of nominations during that award cycle.