

2025 NDSU Agriculture Faculty and Staff Awards

The NDSU Agriculture Faculty and Staff Awards program recognizes exceptional performance by faculty and staff in the NDSU College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CAFSNR); the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station (NDAES); and NDSU Extension.

- **Research, teaching, advising, Extension, and staff award recipients** each receive a \$1,000 honorarium.
- The **Access and Opportunity Award recipient (individual or team)** receives \$2,000 in a local fund to support continued innovations in access and opportunity, equity, and comprehensive programming.

Eligibility and nominations:

- Prior award recipients are eligible for nomination in the same category if they have not received that award within the past five years.
- Nominations may be submitted by any employee but are limited to one nominee per department or unit.
- Criteria differ by category (see below).
- Full details are available at www.ndsu.edu/vpag
- Nomination deadline: October 20, 2025.

RESEARCH AWARDS

North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station (NDAES)

Larson/Yaggie Excellence in Research Award

Recognizes outstanding faculty and Research Extension Center principal investigators who have achieved major accomplishments in research. The recipient must have made a significant research contribution in addressing an applied problem or the basic knowledge of the area investigated.

Eligibility:

- Individuals with **10 or fewer years of service** to NDAES.
- Must hold a research appointment in NDAES and be in the **2000 job band**.

To nominate someone upon their completion of 10 years of service, beginning with their 11th year and beyond, see the Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Research Award. For professional staff (3000 job band) in research, see the Charles and Linda Moses Staff Award.

Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Research Award

Recognizes outstanding faculty and Research Extension Center principal investigators who have achieved major accomplishments in research. The recipient must have a distinguished research program in basic or applied sciences that has gained significant state, region, nation and/or international recognition.

Eligibility:

- Individuals, upon **completion of 10 years of service to the NDAES, beginning with their 11th year and beyond**.
- Must hold a research appointment in the NDAES and be in the **2000 job band**.

To nominate someone with 10 or fewer years of service, see the Larson/Yaggie Excellence in Research Award. For professional staff (3000 job band) in research, see the Charles and Linda Moses Staff Award.

TEACHING AND ADVISING AWARDS

College of Agriculture Food Systems and Natural Resources (CAFSNR)

Earl and Dorothy Foster Excellence in Teaching Award

Recognizes outstanding teaching faculty in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CAFSNR). The purpose of the award is to encourage and reward excellence in teaching at all levels and among all disciplines.

Eligibility:

- Individuals with **10 or fewer years of service** in CAFSNR.
- Must hold a teaching appointment in CAFSNR and be in the **2000 job band**.

To nominate someone upon their completion of 10 years of service, beginning with their 11th year and beyond, see the H. Roald and Janet Lund Excellence in Teaching Award category.

H. Roald and Janet Lund Excellence in Teaching Award

Recognizes outstanding teaching faculty in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources (CAFSNR). The purpose of this award is to encourage and reward excellence in teaching at all levels and among all disciplines.

Eligibility:

- Individuals, upon **completion of 10 years of service, beginning with their 11th year and beyond**.
- Must hold a teaching appointment in CAFSNR and be in the **2000 job band**.

To nominate someone with 10 or fewer years of service, see the Earl and Dorothy Foster Excellence in Teaching Award category.

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

Recognizes the contributions of faculty and staff who have demonstrated excellence in advising undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources and/or its student organizations.

EXTENSION AWARDS

NDSU Extension

Awards to encourage and reward significant accomplishments and excellence in Extension educational outcomes.

Excellence in Extension Early Career Award

Eligibility:

- Individuals with **10 or fewer years of cumulative service** to NDSU Extension
- Must hold an Extension appointment and be in the **2000 job band**.
- Inclusive to county agents and specialists in CAFSNR.

To nominate someone upon their completion of 10 years of cumulative service, beginning with their 11th year and beyond, see the AGSCO Excellence in Extension Award category.

AGSCO Excellence in Extension Award

Eligibility:

- Individuals, upon **completion of 10 years of cumulative service to NDSU Extension, beginning with their 11th year and beyond**.
- Must hold an Extension appointment and be in the **2000 job band**.
- Inclusive to county agents and specialists in CAFSNR.

To nominate someone with 10 or fewer years of cumulative service, see the Excellence in Extension Early Career Award category.

STAFF AWARDS

NDSU Agriculture

Charles and Linda Moses Staff Award

Recognizes **professional staff** for significant contributions to the mission of NDSU Agriculture.

Eligibility:

- **At least three years of continuous service** in a staff position with an appointment in CAFSNR, NDAES or NDSU Extension.
- Must be in the **3000 job band**.
- Open to both on- and off-campus staff.

Nominations will be accepted from any employee but are limited to one nominee per department or unit (county office, district office or Research Extension Center, etc.).

Rick and Jody Burgum Staff Award

Recognizes **support staff** in technical and paraprofessional, crafts/trades, or services positions for significant contributions to the mission of NDSU Agriculture.

Eligibility:

- **At least three years of continuous service** in a staff position with an appointment in CAFSNR, NDAES or NDSU Extension
- Must be in the **4000, 6000 or 7000 job band**.
- Open to both on- and off-campus staff.

Nominations will be accepted from any employee but are limited to one nominee per department or unit (county office, district office or Research Extension Center, etc.).

Staff Awards continued

Donald and Jo Anderson Staff Award

Recognizes **office support staff** for significant contributions to the mission of NDSU Agriculture.

Eligibility:

- **At least three years of continuous service** in a staff position with an appointment in CAFSNR, NDAES or NDSU Extension.
- Must be in the **5000 job band or hold a county Extension support staff position**.
- Open to both on- and off-campus staff.

Nominations will be accepted from any employee but are limited to one nominee per department or unit (county office, district office or Research Extension Center, etc.).

ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY AWARD

NDSU Agriculture

Access and Opportunity Award

Recognizes an individual or group who has achieved significant impact for work related to the NDSU Agriculture strategic goal, *celebrate, integrate and embrace the power of access and opportunity*.

Eligibility:

- Open to all departments/units, committees, or individuals.
- Nominees should have efforts related to the project within the last calendar year aligned with at least one of the following strategic plan key metrics:
 1. Design and integrate programs, curricula, outreach opportunities and policies that uphold comprehensive access and opportunity, respect, and connection
 2. Increase inclusive and collaborative opportunities and partnerships that prepare staff, faculty, and students to be successful in a multi-faceted and globally connected world
 3. Prioritize and deliver creative education and Extension opportunities that optimize educational experiences for different types of learners (reaching a rich mix of thought, ability, location, age, race, ethnicity, gender, etc.)
 4. Increase participation in programs and enrollment of students identified as non-traditional agriculture audiences.

Nominations can be made by any student, staff, faculty, or administrator and will be reviewed by a select team of members of the Agriculture Council for Access and Opportunity (ACAO). Note: ACAO members who are nominated will not review applicants for that award cycle.