

## Job Information

**Title:** Department Head and Professor

**Content:** Head, Department of Plant Sciences

College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources

North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

This is a 12 month appointment to lead a department of 39 tenure-track and 25 affiliated faculty. Responsibilities include setting and achieving departmental goals, managing departmental resources and personnel, developing budgets, soliciting outside funding, coordinating student recruitment, and representing the department on and off campus.

Major program areas for basic and applied research and Extension activities in the department include agronomy, biotechnology, breeding (including the interdisciplinary development of crop cultivars), cereal science, genetics, horticulture, physiology, turf grass, and weed science. The department offers undergraduate degrees in Crop and Weed Science, Horticulture and Forestry, and Sports and Urban Turfgrass Management, and enrolls over 60 graduate students in its M.S. and Ph.D. programs. The department is housed primarily in Loftsgard Hall, completed in 1991. A new, state of the art greenhouse complex is under construction.

Qualifications include (1) an earned Ph.D. in a program areas described above, or a closely related field, (2) credentials for rank of Professor with tenure in the department, and (3) evidence of strong leadership, managerial and communication skills. Interpersonal abilities are essential. Preferred qualifications include previous administrative experience, demonstrated ability to attract extramural funding, and familiarity with the Land Grant system.

Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits include TIAA/CREF, paid annual and sick leave, and health, life and disability insurance.

Screening will begin March 20, 2009, and will continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Candidates must apply online at <https://jobs.ndsu.edu> by submitting:

- A letter that describes how the qualifications are met.
- A detailed C.V.
- A statement of leadership philosophy.
- Names and contact information for five references.

Contact Dr. Jack Rasmussen ([jack.rasmussen@ndsu.edu](mailto:jack.rasmussen@ndsu.edu), 701-231-7058), Search Committee Chair, with questions.

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