



# Head, Department of Plant Sciences

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June 30, 2011

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## Position Description

The College of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Natural Resources at North Dakota State University is seeking a Head of Department of Plant Sciences. The department has major program areas in agronomy, biotechnology, breeding, cereal science, genetics, horticulture, physiology, turfgrass, and weed science. The department currently consists of 37 tenure-track faculty; 24 affiliated faculty; and 197 undergraduate and 81 graduate students. Plant Sciences is the largest department at NDSU and is the leading department in securing external funds from multiple sources. The department Head has an appointment in the College, the North Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station, and the NDSU Extension Service. If desired, the head would have the opportunity to perform research and/or academic activities that enhance the department.

## Responsibilities

- Facilitate faculty success and enhance the regional, national, and international reputation of the department
- Work closely with the departmental faculty to collectively set and achieve intermediate and long-term programmatic goals
- Develop budgets and solicit funds to meet departmental goals
- Manage resources and personnel dedicated to departmental goals
- Develop positive relationships with relevant stakeholders
- Maintain a collegial environment throughout the department
- Represent the department to NDSU administration, other NDSU units, Research Extension Centers, commodity groups and other agribusiness organizations, other universities, and state and federal agencies
- Coordinate both undergraduate and graduate student recruitment and work with the faculty to offer and improve the department's curriculum

## Minimum Qualifications

- Earned Ph.D. in a discipline related to the PLSC department activities
- Credentials for the rank of Professor with tenure in the department
- Working understanding of the Land Grant System mission of research, teaching, extension, and outreach
- Successful experience in interacting with internal and external stakeholders
- Successful experience in personnel management
- Effective oral and written communication skills

## Preferred Qualifications

- Previous administrative experience
- Budgeting experience
- Success at soliciting, acquiring, and managing external grants
- Experience in an academic environment

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