Agricultural Education Graduate Teaching and Research Assistantship Position (M.S. or Ph.D.)

The Agricultural Education program at North Dakota State University is seeking a graduate assistant at the doctoral (PhD) level (MS/PhD combined also considered). For this position we seek a motivated individual interested in the preparation of agricultural educators from pre-service through current educators in all formal and informal educational settings.

Duties/Responsibilities

This individual will join Agricultural Education and Teacher Education faculty in the preparation of pre-service teachers, induction teachers, Extension educators, and Extension audiences. The selected individual will:

- Develop new and join present efforts to recruit students to the Agricultural Education degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels in the multistate region.
- Lead and co-teach across specialty teaching methods and general educator preparation coursework.
- Work with the North Dakota Teacher Induction Program which serves 1-3 year Ag Ed and FACS teachers.
- Co-advising undergraduate students
- Assist with expanding distance delivery options of Agricultural Education coursework
- Assist with the North Dakota Teach Ag committee responsibilities
- Work with Extension audiences on educational methods and program evaluation
- Assist with data management and monitoring
- Conduct collaborative and independent research
- Complete other duties as assigned

Qualifications

- Three or more years school-based teaching experience
- Earned master’s degree (preferred)
  - Will consider candidates seeking a combined MS/PhD
- Admissible into NDSU graduate school
- Interest in distance learning methodologies
- Strong willingness to learn
- Effective problem-solving skills
- Dedication to quality and innovative teaching approaches

Salary and Benefits

This is a 9-month, .50 graduate teaching assistantship (20 hrs/wk). Additional guaranteed funding will support summer salary above the core assistantship stipend. The preferred start date is August 2020. The assistantship includes a full tuition waiver. Up to four years of funding will be provided for doctoral-seeking candidates.
North Dakota State University
North Dakota State University is a student-focused, land-grant, research university — an economic engine that educates students, conducts primary research, creates new knowledge and advances technology. The university provides affordable access to an excellent education at a top-ranked research institution that combines teaching and research in a rich learning environment, educating future leaders who will create solutions to national and global challenges that will shape a better world. (https://www.ndsu.edu/about)

The Education Doctoral Programs prepare scholars who advance education research and practice and maintain the integrity and vitality of the profession. Our graduates are stewards of the discipline, individuals entrusted with preserving, creating, and applying knowledge in education and with communicating educational knowledge to others. (Ag Ed @ NDSU)

Fargo, ND/Moorhead, MN Region
Fargo consists of three cities in two states – In North Dakota, there’s Fargo (naturally) and West Fargo (which has the added distinction of being north and also “west” of normal). On the Minnesota side of the Red River, Moorhead propels our community beyond conventional boundaries. We owe a lot to our northern prairie locale. Our adventurous, pioneering spirit is alive and well. In our people, you’ll find a unique mix of Midwestern gregariousness and quiet strength. Ingenuity, vision and down-to-earth practicality define our distinct prairie soul.

Located in the center of North America, the Red River Valley stretches over 30 miles, gently rising westward from the Red River, a north-flowing river running between North Dakota and Minnesota, and extending into Canada. Rich, black soil produces an abundance of crops such as potatoes, sunflowers, sugar beets, wheat, corn, soybeans, alfalfa, oats, and lentils. Industry and agriculture are closely related in Fargo-Moorhead. The area has meat packaging plants, sugar and sunflower processing plants, creameries and a malting barley plant. The spirit of the early pioneers remains a treasured part of our proud heritage. We continue to build on our colorful past as we look forward to the promise of the future. (credit: https://www.fargomoorhead.org/)

Timeline
Contact Dr. Adam Marx with any questions about this unique opportunity. A Statement of Interest and Resume should be submitted to adam.marx@ndsu.edu by January 15, 2020. Potential campus visits may be invited. The successful candidate will be invited to apply to the NDSU Graduate School with a February 15th deadline. Notification of successful admission will occur mid-spring.

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