Genomics, Phenomics and Bioinformatics

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- **Credential Offered:** Ph.D., M.S.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:** TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6

Samat Amat, Ph.D.
University of Calgary, Canada, 2019
Department: Microbiological Sciences
Research Interests: Animal Microbiome

Nonoy Bandillo, Ph.D.
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2016
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interests: Pulse Breeding, Genetics

Samiran Banerjee, Ph.D.
University of Saskatchewan, 2012
Department: Microbiological Sciences
Research Interests: Agriculture Microbiomes; Plant-Microbe Interactions

Michael J. Christoffers, Ph.D.
University of Missouri-Columbia, 1998
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interest: Weed Molecular Genetics

Anne Denton, Ph.D.
University of Mainz, 1996
Department: Computer Science
Research Interest: Data Mining, Bioinformatics

Justin D. Faris, Ph.D.
Kansas State University, 1999
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interest: Wheat Molecular Genetics

Jason Fiedler, Ph.D.
The Scripps Research Institute, 2012
Department: Plant Sciences
Research Interests: Bioinformatics, High-throughput Genotyping, Small Grains Genetics

Paulo Flores, Ph.D.
Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, 2008
Department: Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering
Research Interests: Precision Agriculture, Applications of UASs/Drones in Agriculture, UASs/Drone Imagery Analysis, GIS Applications for Precision Agriculture

Timothy Friesen, Ph.D.
North Dakota State University, 2001  
Department: Plant Pathology  
Research Interest: Host-Pathogen Interactions of Cereals  

Barney Geddes, Ph.D.  
University of Manitoba, Canada, 2014  
Department: Microbiological Sciences  
Research Interests: Plant Microbe Interactions  

Upinder Gill, Ph.D.  
Washington State University, 2012  
Department: Plant Pathology  
Research Interests: Host-Microbe Interactions, Genetics and Genomics of Plant Disease Resistance  

Rich Horsley, Ph.D.  
North Dakota State University, 1988  
Department: Plant Sciences  
Research Interests: Barley Breeding, Genetics  

David P. Horvath, Ph.D.  
Michigan State University, 1993  
Department: Plant Sciences  
Research Interest: Perennial Weed Physiology  

Rick Jansen, Ph.D.  
University of Minnesota, 2009  
Department: Public Health  
Research Interest: Molecular and Genomic Epidemiology  

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University of Georgia, 2009  
Department: Plant Sciences  
Research Interests: Statistical Genomics  

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North Dakota State University, 2006  
Department: Plant Pathology  
Research Interest: Host-Parasite Interactions of Wheat  

Phillip E. McClean, Ph.D.  
Colorado State University, 1982  
Department: Plant Sciences  
Research Interest: Plant Molecular Genetics  

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University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, 1984  
Department: Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Research Interest: Protein Structure/Function  

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University of Missouri, 2018  
Department: Plant Sciences  
Research Interests: Legume Molecular Genetics and Bioinformatics  

Juan Osorno, Ph.D.  
North Dakota State University, 2006  
Department: Plant Sciences  
Research Interests: Legume Genetics/Genomics and Synteny  

Birgit Pruess, Ph.D.  
Ruhr-Universitat Bochum, 1991  
Department: Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences  
Research Interest: Microbial Physiology and Gene Regulation  

Jack B. Rasmussen Ph.D.
Katie Reindl, Ph.D.
Michigan State University, 1987
Department: Plant Pathology
Research Interest: Molecular Plant/Microbe Interactions

Saeed Salem, Ph.D.
North Dakota State University, 2006
Department: Biological Sciences
Research interest: Cancer cell biology

Sarah Signor, Ph.D.
University of California-Davis, 2013
Department: Biological Sciences
Research Interests: Insect Evolutionary Genomics

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University of California-Berkeley, 1971
Department: Computer Science and Operations Research
Research Interest: Algorithm Analysis, Operations Research

Changhui Yan, Ph.D.
Iowa State University, 2005
Department: Computer Science
Research interest: Computational Bioinformatics