Ph.D. Program in
Developmental Science

Developmental Science - Ph.D. Program at NDSU
Developmental Science is an emerging interdisciplinary field studying human development across the lifespan in various family, social, and cultural contexts. NDSU’s program has exciting, relevant, and flexible opportunities for study and research to develop your interests and to help you reach your goals.

Follow Your Passion - prepare for a career that makes a difference
NDSU’s Ph.D. program in DS allows you to expand on the interests developed during your Bachelor’s or Master’s program in HDFS, Psychology, or similar degree. Prepare for a career where you can make a difference in academia - or working with non-profit organizations, medical/healthcare organizations, advocacy, community, government, or research institutions.

Research at NDSU - make a meaningful impact
Our faculty’s interests and research spans the lifespan, makes immediate and meaningful impact on the lives of individuals and families, and allows you to develop your interests in tandem with engaged and passionate faculty and students. Below are highlights of recent faculty interests and projects; visit us online for more.

- Factors associated with body image disturbances and disordered eating
- Relational and contextual influences on adolescents' and young adults' positive and problem behaviors
- Parent training to promote parent and child optimal development
- Preventive interventions for disruptive children
- Psychological well-being in old age
- Object individuation in infancy
- Age-related differences and changes in cognitive and functional abilities, such as driving

Funding Opportunities
We are committed to offering every student accepted into the program a full tuition waiver plus a stipend for graduate assistantship. Assistantship options are available for both research and teaching.

Learn More
Visit us online to learn more about our program, research projects, faculty, the application process, upcoming events, and the local community. http://www.ndsu.edu/hdfs/developmental_science_phd/

Application Deadline: February 1st

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