

## ME Departmental Support Policy for Graduate Students

The UND Mechanical Engineering Department is committed to the success and timely graduation of its students at both the Master and Doctoral levels. Departmental resources, including financial aid and graduate student office space, are allocated based on considerations of departmental priorities, faculty needs and the qualifications of individual students. The following guidelines regarding departmental graduate student support have been developed for the information of both students and faculty advisors:

- Students admitted to the M.S./M. Engr. programs are eligible for financial and logistical support (i.e. office space) from the ME Department for up to 2 academic years.
- Students admitted to the Mechanical Engineering Track of the Ph.D. program are eligible for financial and logistical support from the ME Department for up to 5 academic years.
- Students admitted to the department with financial support from the ME Department (teaching assistantships and/or tuition waivers) will continue to be supported as long as:
  - 1) The student has not reached the maximum support duration stated above;
  - 2) The student remains in good academic standing and is making satisfactory progress towards their degree;
  - 3) The student's advisor is satisfied with the student's scholarly performance;
  - 4) The student's supervisor(s) for any GTA assignments are satisfied with the student's performance;
  - 5) Sufficient resources (teaching assistantships and/or tuition waivers) are made available by the University and Graduate School to the ME Department to honor all commitments to continuing students.
- Students supported by external funding sources (e.g. grants or research agreements) should be apprised by their faculty advisor of the expected duration of their funding at the time of admission. Should the expected funding duration be shorter than the maximum support periods listed above, the faculty advisor may request a commitment from the ME Graduate Faculty for continued student support beyond the termination of the external funding.