

## **APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURE**

**Step 1: Identify Faculty Adviser:** Most graduate students in the Department of Animal and Food Sciences are on Research Assistantships (RAs) as opposed to Teaching Assistantships (TAs). The ability of a Professor to accept a graduate student therefore is based primarily on their ability to fund your time of study (2 -3 years for Master's degree, 3 – 5 years for Doctoral degree).

***Prior to applying to the program***, each potential student must identify a faculty member having either RA or TA funding lines available. In addition to these sources of funding, a limited number of fellowships are available and information regarding this is at:  
[http://ag.udel.edu/gradresearch/grad\\_financialaid.php](http://ag.udel.edu/gradresearch/grad_financialaid.php).

Faculty research programs are outlined on the College website at:  
<http://ag.udel.edu/gradprogramresearch.html> and on the Department Graduate website at:  
<http://ag.udel.edu/anfs/anfsgrad.html> .

**Step 2: Apply through the UD Grad Office:** Once a faculty member with adequate space and funding has been identified, students apply through the University website:  
<http://www.udel.edu/gradoffice/apply/> by the deadline for the semester in which they wish to be accepted (see above for deadlines).

**Step 3: Admission Information:** Once accepted, an applicant will receive both an email and a paper letter notification of their acceptance. In the letter of acceptance, the terms of their funding will be detailed, as well as the date on which they will start. For International admissions, this letter is required for seeking your I-20 and J1 Student Visa.