

Sabrina Fowler

Mathematics PhD Candidate

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Research Interests

Commutative Algebra: neural ideals and their properties.

Deep Learning: investigating neural ideals associated to various neural network architectures.

Education

- 2021 - **PhD in Mathematics**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*, Expected 2026
Advised by Eloísa Grifo
- 2021 **MS in Mathematics**, *Missouri State University*
- 2019 **BS in Applied Mathematics**, *Missouri State University*
Minor in Computer Science, with courses in Database Systems and Machine Learning

Positions Held

- 2021 - **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
- 2024 - **Research Intern**, *Georgia Tech Research Institute*
- 2025 **RTG Graduate Trainee**, *University of Nebraska - Lincoln*
Spring 2025, supported by the NSF Research Training Group grant for Commutative Algebra at Nebraska
- 2023 **Graduate Research Assistant**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
Curriculum Development for College Trigonometry
Curriculum Development and Instructor for College of Engineering Summer Bridge Program, a program to help incoming first-year undergraduate Engineering majors succeed in their math courses
- 2019-2021 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, *Missouri State University*

Seminar Talks

- Feb 2026 **A Characterization of Polarized Neural Ideals**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
Presented to the Commutative Algebra Reading Seminar
- Oct 2025 **Persistent Stanley-Reisner Theory**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
Presented to the Commutative Algebra Reading Seminar
- Apr 2025 **Neural Ideals**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
Presented to the Commutative Algebra Reading Seminar
- Feb 2025 **La Paradoja de la Línea de Costa**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
Presented to the Matemáticas Seminar

- Nov 2024 **An Introduction to Gröbner Bases and Their Applications**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
Presented to the Commutative Algebra Seminar as part of Oral Comprehensive Exam
- Nov 2024 **Gröbner Bases: Deleted Scenes and a Connection to Linear Algebra**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
Presented to the Commutative Algebra Reading Seminar
- Oct 2024 **Álgebra de Boole**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
Presented to the Matemáticas Seminar
- May 2024 **Applied Abstract Algebra: Not an Oxymoron**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
Presented to the Commutative Algebra Reading Seminar
- Oct 2023 **The Power of Symbolic Powers in Commutative Algebra**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
Presented to the Commutative Algebra Reading Seminar
- Apr 2021 **Using Finite Fields to Construct Error-Correcting Cyclic Codes**, *Missouri State University*
Presented to the Mathematics Department as completion of Master's Degree Research Requirement

Conferences/Workshops Attended

- Mar 2025 **Women in Commutative Algebra**, *Fields Institute*
- Sep 2024 **KUMUNU**, *University of Missouri*
- Apr 2024 **Recent Developments in Commutative Algebra**, *Simons Laufer Mathematical Sciences Institute (formerly MSRI)*
- Jan 2024 **Introductory Workshop: Commutative Algebra**, *Simons Laufer Mathematical Sciences Institute (formerly MSRI)*
- Nov 2023 **Gender Equity in the Mathematical Study (GEMS) of Commutative Algebra**, *University of Minnesota*
- Apr 2023 **Math 125**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*
- Jan 2019 **Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics**, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Teaching Experience

Associate Convener

Math 102: College Trigonometry, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Responsible for coordinating all sections of College Trigonometry and supporting graduate student instructors

Fall 2023 - Spring 2024

Instructor of Record

Math 309: Introduction to Mathematical Proofs, *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

Spring 2026

Math 203: Contemporary Math, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Fall 2025

Math 102: College Trigonometry, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Math 101: College Algebra, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Summer 2022, Fall 2022

Recitation/Lab Instructor

Math 314: Linear Algebra, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Fall 2024

Math 106: Calculus I, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Fall 2021, Spring 2022

MTH 101: Intermediate Algebra, Missouri State University
Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Service and Outreach

- 2024 - **Graduate Student Mentor for AWM Student Chapter**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2024 **Graduate Student Orientation Organizer**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2023 - **Member of the NCUWM Organizing Committee**
Nebraska Conference for Undergraduate Women in Mathematics is a conference for undergraduates that provides opportunities to present undergraduate research and connect with other young women mathematicians.
- 2021 - **UNL Math Day Volunteer**
Math Day is an annual event for secondary students to participate in mathematical activities/competitions.

Professional Development

- 2022-2023 **Teaching and Learning Mathematics at the Post-Secondary Level Parts I and II**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
A three-credit sequence of courses intended to train mathematics graduate teaching assistants how to be an effective teacher and classroom manager.

Computer Skills

Languages

C++, Git, HTML, Python, Perl, SQL

Software

Macaulay2, Mathematica, MATLAB, Microsoft Office, LaTeX