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Canadian Turfgrass Research Foundation Approves \$114,600 in Grants

The Canadian Turfgrass Research Foundation (CTRF) has announced a total of \$114,600 in turf research funding over a three year period to help fund two new projects. The announcement follows an eight month process to generate, evaluate and decide on which of 18 project submissions would be funded for the period 2015 – 2018.

The new projects will be hosted by the University of Guelph and the University of Wisconsin. The projects are:

- **Determining Soil Potassium Requirements of Sand-Based Putting Greens;** and
- **Testing Lower Risk Fungicides Against Turf Disease**

Funding of \$9,600 has been allocated for the project entitled “Determining Soil Potassium Requirements of Sand-Based Putting Greens”. This project will evaluate putting green quality and disease incidence over a wide range of soil test and tissue potassium levels. Coordinated by Dr. Douglas Soldat, the project is scheduled for completion by February 2017.

The second project, “Testing Lower Risk Fungicides Against Turf Diseases”, will receive \$105,000 over a three year period and will be coordinated by Dr. Thomas Hsiang at the University of Guelph. It will research how common diseases such as dollar spot, fusarium patch and snow molds can be reduced in lab and field tests, using different application regimes of low risk chemicals. Research will be complete by April 2018.

To learn more about these projects please visit <http://www.turfresearchcanada.ca/current-research>.

The CTRF is a registered charity with a mandate to raise monies and sponsor research projects that advance the environmental and economic benefits applicable to turfgrass and which improve the quality and sustainability of turfgrass in Canada. The CTRF is funded by contributions received from the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association, Golf Canada and regional golf and turfgrass research organizations from across Canada including the Western Canada Turfgrass Association, the Alberta Turfgrass Research Foundation, the Saskatchewan Turfgrass Association, the Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation, the Quebec Turfgrass Research Foundation and the Atlantic Turfgrass Research Foundation.

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