



2010 MTGF RESEARCH GIFT PROGRAM

Our mission is to promote the green industries in Minnesota through support of research, education and outreach at the University of Minnesota and elsewhere.

The Minnesota Turf and Grounds Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, invites you to submit a research proposal to the 2010 Research Gift Program. Funding approved by the MTGF will **not** be subjected to overhead or any other indirect charges or costs. We are excited to fund new applied agronomic, environmental and regulatory research that will benefit turf and grounds management.

TIMELINE

Friday, February 26, 2010	Proposals due at MTGF headquarters
Thursday, March 18, 2010	Proposals reviewed by the MTGF Board of Directors
Thursday, March 25, 2010	Researchers notified of projects approved for funding

RESEARCH CRITERIA

- Collaborative projects involving multiple turf faculty and faculty from other disciplines
- Research leading to timely peer reviewed publication
- Projects targeted to research priorities identified by the turf and grounds industry
- Research that creates partnerships with other funding sources

RENEWAL OF GIFTS

Research gifts may be awarded for multiple years based on the timeline listed on the initial funding request. In these cases, funding may be renewed each subsequent year based on demonstrated progress towards the research goal and after a progress summary is reviewed by the MTGF Board of Directors. Those seeking support for multiple years may submit a progress report in lieu of a new research proposal. Investigators will be notified of project renewal at the same time as other applicants.

SUPPORT FUNDING

In addition to research gifts, the MTGF recognizes that money may also be requested to pay for activities that support a research, teaching or extension effort in turf and grounds but are not activities that can be allocated to a particular research project. Each year the MTGF Board will allocate a budget for support funds.

Support funds may be requested to complement an ongoing program of teaching, research or extension when all other sources of funding have been exhausted. The request for funds must state in writing the purpose of these funds, the sources of other related outside funds, the efforts made to seek additional funds and the impact these funds will have on the mission of the MTGF.

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL PROCESS

- Proposals are due at MTGF headquarters on Friday, February 26, 2010.
- Proposals must be submitted electronically.

- Proposals should be typed, single-spaced using 12 point font
- Proposals must not exceed six total pages including the cover sheet

CHECKLIST

Proposals must include the following to be accepted for review:

- Cover sheet
- Proposal, maximum of five pages and must include the following:
 - Title
 - Abstract (250 words)
 - Rationale for research
 - Benefits of research to turf and grounds managers
 - Objectives
 - Materials and Methods
 - Anticipated outcomes/results
 - State where you plan on publishing the information
 - Detailed budget including other funding sources (no indirect costs allowed)

PROPOSAL REVIEW PROCESS

Only proposals that are received by February 26, 2010 that contain the required information will be reviewed by the MTGF Board of Directors.

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- Importance of the research to turf and grounds managers
- Well-defined experimental objectives
- Methodology that will meet objectives
- Technical merit

EMAIL PROPOSALS TO

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QUESTIONS

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