Graduate Research Assistantship (MS or PhD) in Turfgrass Science

The Department of Environmental Horticulture (ENH) at the University of Florida is seeking a highly motivated graduate student (preferably at the Ph.D. level) to work on projects related to urban turfgrass management. Projects will include but are not limited to optimization of nutrient use in turfgrass systems, enhancement of urban turfgrass ecosystem services, and developing sustainable turfgrass management practices. The student will conduct research under the mentorship of Dr. A.J. Lindsey and will be based in Gainesville, FL. The anticipated start date is August 2023 (Fall semester 2023).

This is a 0.50 FTE (20 hours/week) Graduate Research Assistantship that includes a tuition waiver and stipend. Stipends at the Master’s level start at $22,000 per year. Stipends at the Ph.D. level start at $25,000 per year. Assistantships at the M.S. and Ph.D. levels are for two and four years, respectively.

Qualifications

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) or Master of Science (M.S.) degree in turfgrass science, horticulture, agronomy, plant science, or related disciplines. B.S. is required for admission as M.S. student and M.S. is required for admission as Ph.D. student. Candidates should have an interest in turfgrass science and/or urban landscapes and a desire to gain research and extension experience. The candidate should have excellent oral and written communication skills. Experience with statistical data analysis is preferred for Ph.D. level applicants. Travel to research sites will be required and a valid driver’s license is necessary (or must be obtained within 3 months of joining). Some of this travel may occur outside normal business hours. Experience with turfgrass management or conducting field and/or lab research is preferred. The successful candidate should have strong work ethics, excellent time and organizational skills, and be self-driven.

Application Process

Interested applicants should contact Dr. A.J. Lindsey (alex.lindsey@ufl.edu) and provide a detailed C.V. or resume, unofficial transcripts, contact information for at least one reference, and a brief statement of research interest and experience. The review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. The selected candidate will then submit a formal application to the ENH Department using the online portal: https://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/graduate/ prior to December 1st, 2022.

Applicants can use the following websites to find more information about the ENH department (http://hort.ufl.edu/), and the ENH graduate program (https://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/environmental-horticulture-graduate-program/).