

OHIO TURFGRASS RESEARCH TRUST

GRANT PROGRAMS

The Ohio Turfgrass Research Trust (OTRT) is the 501(c)3 charitable arm of the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation. Contributions to OTRT come through an auction held during the OTF Conference and Show each December, but primarily through donations to the Founders Club.

Founders Club donors are among the industry's leading practitioners and representatives. They receive complimentary admission to various networking events throughout the year, including the Scholarships and Awards Dinner held Monday evening, prior to the conference.

Because of the generous contributions of our donors, we are proudly offering two grants to further the turfgrass industry in Ohio.

DARRAH RESEARCH GRANT

Named in honor of Founders Club Platinum donor, Dr. Charles Darrah of CLC LABS, this grant will be a two-year commitment of up to \$7,500 each year.

Darrah Research Grant Requirements

- Applicant(s) must be a turfgrass scientist based in Ohio
- The applicant(s) must be affiliated with an accredited university or college
- The research project must address an industry need in the area of turfgrass science
- Progress/results must be presented during the OTF Conference & Show
- A progress report must be provided for publication in the OTF Field Day report or an edition of OTF Turf News
- Periodic status updates must be provided to the OTRT Grant Committee

Preference will be given to applications that meet the following criteria:

- Applicable to the turfgrass industry as a whole (sports fields, golf, lawn care)
- Projects that would receive additional funding from allied associations
- Produce publishable results in peer-reviewed journal
- Projects that could be showcased at OTF Field Day or other in-person industry events

Darrah Grant Applications must be received by August 1st. The selection committee will notify applicants of their decisions by October 1st.

GREGOIRE OUTREACH GRANT

In recognition of Founders Club Platinum donors, Ryan and Kelly Gregoire of Agricultural Design, a one-time grant of up to \$2,500 will be available for short-term projects supporting the turfgrass industry.

Gregoire Grant Requirements

- Program must be completed in the State of Ohio
- Must meet a need of the turfgrass industry, which could be research, extension, outreach, awareness or recruiting
- Results must be presented at the OTF Conference and Show as a printed report or presentation

Gregoire Outreach Grant applications must be received by July 15th. The selection committee will notify applicants of their decisions by August 1st.

OTRT GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals must be submitted by mail or email to Brian Laurent, Executive Director, Ohio Turfgrass Research Trust, by the appropriate dates.

brian@ohioturf.org

or

Ohio Turfgrass Foundation
OTRT Grant Committee
3958 North Hampton Drive
Powell, Ohio 43065

Darrah Research Grant Deadline – August 1st

Gregoire Outreach Grant Deadline – July 15th

Proposals should be no more than six pages, single sided and single spaced in 12 point Times New Romans font.

Please cover the following within your proposal:

1. Name and organization of primary applicant(s)
2. Short biographical summary of the primary applicant(s)
3. Name(s) and organization(s) of others involved with the proposed project
4. Grant which you are applying for
5. Title of your project
6. Description of the problem which the project will address
7. Project description and objectives
8. Description of research methodology (Darrah Grant only)
9. Location(s) of the proposed project
10. Detailed budget for the proposed project
11. If applicable, list of organizations also committed to funding the project
12. Expected results and deliverables at the conclusion of the project

REVIEW PROCESS

Only proposals received by the stated deadline and that contain the required information will be considered. Proposals will be reviewed by the OTRT Grant Committee, which is made up of individuals from multiple sectors of the turfgrass industry.

Proposals will be evaluated on the following:

- Importance of the project in meeting an industry need
- Clearly defined outcomes
- Ability to highlight the project in publications and at events

Funding note: *OTRT will not support overhead or administrative costs for the Darrah or Gregoire grants. OTRT is a 501(c)3 non-for-profit organization. As such, it is interested in providing the maximum direct support to the projects selected.*

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

OTRT Grant Committee