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Chicago District Golf Association Career Opportunity: Director of Turfgrass Programs

The Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) is seeking an experienced professional for the position of Director of Turfgrass Programs. The candidate must have good communication skills (both written and verbal). The responsibilities of the position include:

- Provide a timely and accurate consultation and diagnostic service to CDGA members clubs within our District, primarily via on-site visits, regarding:
 - Turfgrass diseases or other pest problems
 - Turf maintenance practices that promote plant health and reduce the impact of pests and environmental stresses
 - Course design, construction and renovation issues as they relate to plant health and control of pests
 - Manage a diagnostic laboratory to aid with disease issues and develop a network with other experts in a broader range of fields such as insects and weed control to allow for rapid diagnosis of daily golf course management issues
- Work in conjunction with, or in support of, other turf groups which includes local superintendent chapters, regarding:
 - The development/overseeing of all turf research projects at the Midwest Golf House as well as other sites
 - Evaluation of new or experimental agents to control pests or alleviate other turf problems
 - Evaluation of new turfgrasses and other innovations that affect golf turf maintenance (research and related field plot activity to be situated at Midwest Golf House as well as other sites).
 - Develop and maintain a strong applied research program that superintendents can utilize to make decisions on management strategies on a regional basis
 - Interact with and appropriately instruct research manager at Midwest Golf House who runs trials on day to day basis
- Participate in educational/extension turfgrass activities (instruction and learning):
 - Write research summaries, reports on diseases, magazine, website, and newsletter articles (both print and electronic) to keep the CDGA membership, superintendents, and the turf industry up to date on the latest developments related to the production of healthy turfgrass for golf courses.
 - Participate in educational and outreach opportunities that continue to serve both local and regional superintendents and their staff



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The candidate should have the following educational background:

- PhD in Plant Pathology or related field
- Proven track record in professional development
- Involvement in relevant professional organizations

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. A complete benefit package, including health insurance and retirement plan, are provided.

Application deadline: January 15, 2019

Proposed starting date: March 1, 2019 (start date can be earlier or later by agreement between the parties)

All candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and transcripts prior to application deadline for full consideration. Candidates can apply by sending materials electronically to turfposition@cdga.org. No phone calls will be accepted. The successful candidate will be subject to background check and drug testing upon extension of job offer.

It is the policy of the CDGA to hire, train, promote, compensate and administer all employment practices without regard to race, color, gender, age, marital status, religion, medical condition, national origin, or disability unrelated to the ability to perform a job.

The Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) is the regional governing body for amateur golf in Illinois and parts of three other states. The CDGA services nearly 400 clubs and 80,000 individual golfers. Golfers receive member offers, a USGA Handicap Index and competitive playing opportunities, while clubs receive USGA rating and measuring services, turfgrass diagnostics and educational seminars. Midwest Golf House and its Three-Hole Sunshine Course are home to our Foundation, which annually serves more than 1,000 individuals with special needs and wounded veterans while also bringing playing opportunities to youth golfers.



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