## GCSAA Offers Special Grants to Grad Students in Turf

In late May, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America announced a program giving outstanding graduate students in the field of golf course management education and research an opportunity for grant support of their graduate education.

Called the Graduate Student Grants Program, the GCSAA will provide annual awards of \$5,000 to individual students pursuing advanced degrees in academic fields related to golf course management.

The GCSAA Scholarship and Research Foundation is sponsoring the program. Its goal is to identify and encourage tomorrow's leading educators and researchers.

Students currently enrolled in a MS degree or PhD degree program are eligible. Eligibility requires students to declare plans for a career in an academic setting in a university.

Applicants will be evaluated on academic excellence, potential to make outstanding contributions in research/ education, peer recommendations and previous accomplishments in the field.

As an extra bonus, winners will receive an expense-paid trip to the GCSAA Conference and Show.

This is the latest in a long list of outstanding programs the GCSAA S&R Foundation offers. That list includes the likes of the Pesticide Exposure Study, research grants, undergraduate educational scholarships, legacy awards and recognition programs.

The Grad Student Grants Program will be welcomed by the institutions that serve us so well. These scholarships could well give encouragement to that future faculty member who will uncover the secret to winter hardiness!

This is a great idea that merits our full support.

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