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We would like to sincerely thank you for considering a donation to support the Par4Research Online Auction. Proceeds from the Par4Research Online Auction provide critical support of turfgrass research at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, which directly benefits the golf industry throughout the state of Wisconsin and beyond. Turfgrass research projects at UW-Madison typically focus on improved methods for managing turfgrass more efficiently, which often leads to improved course conditions with fewer inputs and lower costs.

Just a few examples of UW-Madison Turfgrass Research projects supported with Par4Research funds include:

- Development and refinement of growing degree day models for plant growth regulators
- Identification and management of iron layering on sand-based golf course putting greens
- Computer modeling to better predict turfgrass growth and fertility needs on golf courses
- Impact of snow cover on snow mold fungicide persistence in a changing climate
- Use of iron sulfate for improved dollar spot control on golf course fairways
- Adjusting leaf surface pH for turfgrass disease control with reduced pesticide usage

We use the funds raised through Par4Research primarily to support the salary, tuition, and health insurance of our graduate students. Along with most everything else these days, costs to support graduate students have been increasingly dramatically and it now costs approximately \$45,000 per year to support a single graduate student. This doesn't count the costs of any supplies or rental fees associated with conducting a particular research project. We don't receive any funds from the state or university to fund research, so your donation to Par4Research makes it possible to fund our graduate students and conduct research that continues to move the game of golf towards a more profitable and sustainable future.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about how Par4Research benefits our research, and thank you for your support of Wisconsin turfgrass research!

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