



JOB POSTING

UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION

Title: Intern, One week Course Consulting Service Experience

Location: Varies depending on region

Are you looking to join a dynamic team who work together to promote and conserve the true spirit of the game of golf?

The Green Section department was established in 1920 to provide impartial and authoritative agronomic information to golf courses, and develop scientific information related to golf course turf. Major facets of the Green Section are its Course Consulting Service (CCS), which consists of on-site visits to golf courses, sponsoring turfgrass research, and developing education and outreach multimedia on agronomic and environmental issues. Sixteen experienced agronomists annually conduct more than 1,200 on-site consultation visits to golf courses across the United States to take research results and practical information about construction and maintenance directly to subscribing clubs and courses.

The USGA provides paid internship opportunities for students to experience agronomic and resource management programs actively managed through the USGA Green Section department.

Position Summary:

Fourteen to sixteen students are provided the opportunity to travel with Green Section agronomists for one week between May and August. The goal is to give students a broad view of the golf course industry and help them learn about golf course maintenance through the perspective of the Green Section staff. Historically, selected interns have been able to make arrangements to participate in the one-week USGA Green Section internship while working at another golf facility for summer employment.

The travel week date is flexible and is mutually agreed upon by the Green Section staff and the student. The student travels to the prearranged meeting site on Sunday and returns on Friday of the travel week. Students receive a \$350 stipend, and all transportation, hotel, and meal expenses are paid by the USGA.

What to Expect:

The intern will travel with one of the USGA regional directors or agronomists to a variety of golf facilities participating in the Course Consulting Service. Golf courses will vary from public to private and at a broad variety of budget levels. In addition to the USGA staff, interactions will include golf course superintendents, course officials, Green Committees.

The USGA regional director and agronomists interview candidates from among the universities in that region, and one or more students are selected to participate in the program. *Each university may nominate only one student for the Course Consulting Service internship experience.*

As part of the experience, the student is required to submit a report that summarizes the week's observations and experiences. The report is due three weeks following the conclusion of the travel.

What you bring to the USGA:

- A sophomore, junior, or senior in a four-year baccalaureate program, *or* a graduate student, majoring in horticulture, agronomy, or a related field.
- Students must be returning to school the semester following the internship.
- An interest in golf and turfgrass management, and preferably some experience working on a golf course or playing the game.
- Demonstrated leadership potential



To Apply:

There are two steps to this application process. Applications will only be considered complete once all materials are received.

Process:

1. Please complete the online application by clicking here: [Course Consulting Experience](#).
2. Be sure to submit supplemental materials to the contact listed below.

Supplemental Materials:

1. A cover letter explaining how you became interested in turf management and why you would like to participate in the internship program
2. Resume or C.V., including projected graduation date
3. A letter of recommendation from your faculty advisor

Submit supplemental materials to the USGA headquarters to Mary McConnell at mmccconnell@usga.org or at the following address: USGA Green Section, Attn: Mary McConnell, 77 Liberty Corner Road, Far Hills, NJ 07931

Applications will be accepted through January 20, 2017.

About the USGA:

The USGA conducts the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Open, as well as 10 national amateur championships, two state team championships and international matches. Together with The R&A, the USGA governs the game worldwide, jointly administering the Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status, Equipment Standards and World Amateur Golf Rankings. The USGA's working jurisdiction comprises the United States, its territories and Mexico.

The USGA is a global leader in the development and support of sustainable golf course management practices. It serves as a primary steward for the game's history and funds an ongoing "For the Good of the Game" charitable giving program. Additionally, the USGA's Course Rating and Handicap systems are used on six continents in more than 50 countries.

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