

**Assistant Professor &
Extension Turfgrass Specialist**

Position Description: The Texas A&M Department of Soil and Crop Sciences announces a vacancy for the position of Turfgrass Extension Specialist Science located at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center – Dallas. The position is a 12-month, non-tenure track position responsible for leadership in the north Texas region and development of educational programs and materials related to the environmental management of home lawns, golf courses, and sports fields in Texas. The successful candidate will interact with extension Regional Program Leaders, county extension agents, and other extension specialists and research faculty to develop successful programs and educational materials designed to help Texas turf producers manage water resources in a sustainable manner. The candidate will also provide leadership in turf weed/pest management.

The successful candidate will also be expected interact with research scientists from the turfgrass program with Texas A&M AgriLife agencies and from the departments of Entomology, Plant Pathology, and other appropriate departments, other universities, and state and federal agencies to develop new knowledge regarding the science of turfgrass. The successful candidate will be expected to lead an extramurally funded program in turfgrass management, publish results in refereed journals, and train graduate students as appropriate.

Requirements: Ph.D. in Turfgrass Science, Agronomy, Crop Science, Weed Science, Soil Science or closely related field. Candidates need to be proficient in leadership and oral and written communications skills; skilled in the use of computers, pass a criminal background check, and land grant university experience is preferred. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is an equal opportunity employer.

Justification: Turfgrass is found in all 254 Texas counties and serve Texans in multiple ways. Besides the obvious aesthetic aspects of enhancing landscape appeal, turfgrass systems serve a functional role contributing to both environmental and human benefits. Thus, appropriate management of turfgrass is important to home lawns, parks and recreational areas, sports fields, and golf courses throughout Texas. With the departure of the former Extension Turfgrass Specialist – Dallas, the Soil and Crop Sciences department has a lack of critical leadership in turfgrass education, educational material development, and applied research in turfgrass. The position is especially important to the world class turf research conducted at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Dallas. Therefore, the refilling of the Extension turfgrass specialist position at Dallas should be considered a priority position.

Application: Review of applicants will begin October 30, 2017. Applicants may apply and submit application materials through the Texas A&M AgriLife Great Jobs website by searching NOV number 10343, or through the following link: greatjobs.tamu.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=194066

Questions: For further information or questions, applicants may contact Dr. Larry Redmon, Dept. of Soil & Crop Sciences Professor and Associate Department Head, at l-redmon@tamu.edu or by phone (979-845-4826).