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The following grants have been awarded by TREE Fund.

**Bob Skiera Memorial Fund Building Bridges Initiative Grant Program**
Supports projects that will help arborists and urban foresters communicate the value of trees and urban forests on a global basis through technology transfer and engagement with developers, builders, civil engineers, city planners, elected officials and other policymakers.

**To:** Jason S. Gordon, PhD, University of Georgia Research Foundation, Inc. "Engaging under-served populations in community tree management activities"

**John Z. Duling Grant Program**
Provides start up or seed funding to support innovative research and technology transfer projects.

**To:** Brian Kane, PhD, University of Massachusetts-Amherst "Comparing the efficacy of pull tests versus expert opinion when assessing decay and likelihood of tree failure"

**Jack Kimmel International Grant Program**
Provides funding for arboriculture research by applicants working primarily outside of the United States.

**To:** Andrew Millward, PhD, Ryerson University "Advancing non-invasive tree root detection by creating a training data set of GPR tree root signatures"

**And to:** Fahad Rasheed, PhD, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan. "Contributing for a breathable future: Characterizing the efficiency of local tree species for controlling particulate matter in Faisalabad district "

**Safe Arborist Techniques Fund Grant Program**
Supports original research that creates a safer work environment for people working in the tree care industry and the general public they serve.

**To:** Matt Follett, University of Montreal. "Evaluation of load distribution in removal operations: a comparison of techniques and equipment"