

Gambling Research Capacity Grants 2025

Frequently asked questions

Why are these grants being offered?

The Gambling Research Capacity Grant program aims to improve the quality, diversity and impact of Australian gambling research by:

- Funding talented and committed researchers to build a career in gambling studies.
- Encouraging the development of gambling research skills within supportive academic environments.
- Promoting cross-disciplinary research opportunities.
- Funding projects that bridge the gap between research, policy and practice to increase the impact of research on gambling harm prevention and minimisation.

How many grants are available?

In 2025, the Responsible Gambling Fund is offering funding for one full-time post-doctoral fellowship and two full-time PhD scholarships (or part-time equivalents).

What are the key dates for the program?

- Applications open: Friday 29 November 2024
- Applications close: Friday 28 February 2025
- Grants awarded: April – May 2025

Do I need a background in gambling research to apply?

- Applicants for the post-doctoral fellowship grant do not need to have expertise in gambling research or be based in a gambling research centre. However, expertise in an allied field, such as public health or addiction, would be considered favourably.
- Applicants for PhD scholarships do not need to have expertise in gambling research but must meet the eligibility requirements for the PhD they intend to pursue.

Can I apply if I want to undertake my PhD part-time?

Applications will be assessed for their relevance and viability and the impacts of completing a PhD part-time should be detailed. If a part-time candidate is successful, grant funding would be allocated pro-rata.

Can I apply if I am not an Australian citizen?

Applicants must be Australian citizens, permanent residents of Australia or have an appropriate working visa and be intending to study at an Australian university.

What if I have a conflict of interest?

If it could be perceived that an applicant or their supervisor has an interest which could influence the way they plan, undertake or report on their research, a conflict of interest should be declared during the application process. Conflicts of interest could be financial or non-financial in nature and may not necessarily preclude an applicant from being awarded a scholarship or fellowship. Any conflicts of interest declared will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Can I apply for a Gambling Research Capacity Grant if I have applied for another PhD scholarship and don't know the outcome yet?

Applicants who have been awarded a Research Training Program (RTP) or other PhD scholarship are encouraged to still apply for the GRCG as a 'top-up' scholarship, which can be received in addition to another scholarship.

If applicants have applied for an RTP or other PhD scholarship and do not yet know the outcome, they are encouraged to still apply for the full GRCG PhD scholarship. If the applicant is awarded both the GRCG and the other PhD scholarship, the GRCG can become a top-up scholarship later in the process.