



Gambling Research Capacity Grants 2021

Funding Submission Guide

Call for applications

The Office of Responsible Gambling invites the best and brightest minds to apply for funding through the Gambling Research Capacity Grants 2021, to help build knowledge and develop innovative approaches to working towards zero gambling harm.



PhD scholarships



Study grants

The Office of Responsible Gambling leads the development of responsible gambling strategy and public policy advice to the NSW Government. The Office delivers a number of programs and initiatives as part of a strategic approach that supports responsible gambling and prevents and minimises the risk of gambling related harm in the community.

This includes managing programs funded by the NSW Government's Responsible Gambling Fund (RGF) – which plays a key role in advising the NSW Government on the allocation of funds for initiatives and programs that support responsible gambling and help reduce gambling harm.



Research Capacity Grants 2021

In 2021, the Responsible Gambling Fund will provide funding for two full time PhD scholarships (or part time equivalent) to build capability and capacity for gambling research. Study grants will be available later in 2021, subject to the easing of current restrictions. The post-doctoral fellowships provided in 2020 may be offered again in the 2022 program.

The Responsible Gambling Fund recognises that high quality research provides the evidence base for responsible gambling policy, interventions and programs.

Objectives

The key objectives of the Research Capacity Grants are to improve the quality, diversity and impact of Australian gambling research.

The grants aim to do this 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 research that bridges the gap between research, policy and practice to increase research impact on gambling harm prevention and minimisation.

Priority research areas

Applications should address at least one of the following priority gambling research areas:

- what works in prevention and gambling harm minimisation
- emerging gambling technologies and new trends
- attitudes and behaviours towards gambling in vulnerable or target groups
- long term efficacy and effectiveness of treatments
- gambling prevalence and understanding and measuring harm
- support for policy development and regulatory effectiveness.

Research that directly contributes to gambling harm prevention and minimisation in NSW will be prioritised.



A broad approach to addressing these priority areas is encouraged, such as a consideration of the influence of social and cultural practices, policies and other trends.

Collaborative partnerships, cross-disciplinary approaches and applications from a diverse range of disciplines will be viewed favourably.

Types of funding

Two categories of funding will be available in the 2021 program:

- 1 PhD scholarships:** up to \$55,000 per year* for three years per candidate (two available)
- 2 Study grants:** \$1000 to \$5000 per recipient

**part-scholarships for recipients of Commonwealth scholarships will be considered*

Submission dates

The submission round for the PhD scholarships:

Opens - Monday 9 November 2020

Closes - Wednesday 20 January 2021

Awarded - March 2021

The submission round for the study grants will be confirmed in 2021, subject to the easing of current restrictions.



Eligibility



PhD scholarships

- Applicants should have completed their honours year or hold/expect to hold a master's degree in the same discipline.
- Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements for the PhD they intend to pursue or have confirmation of an enrolment offer.
- Applicants who are in the early stages of undertaking a PhD are able to apply.
- Applications should be supported by at least one senior member of the University who will act as their supervisor.
- Applicants should also have a confirmed associate supervisor, who is ideally from a different discipline and can be from another institution.
- Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia and be intending to undertake their PhD at an Australian university.
- Funding for a part-scholarship will be considered for those in receipt of a Commonwealth scholarship.



Study grants

- Applicants can be Honours or Masters students, PhD candidates or early career researchers (less than five years post PhD) or staff in policy, program and practice-based roles related to gambling harm prevention and minimisation.
- Applicants should be accepted to present an oral paper, workshop or poster presentation on a gambling related topic at a gambling conference or other relevant conference.



How to apply

All proposals are to be submitted via the Office of Responsible Gambling Grant [portal](#).



PhD scholarships

Applicants will be required to submit via the portal:

- a cover lettering outlining their motivation to conduct the proposed research, their relevant previous educational and research experience and how the scholarship will facilitate and enhance their research career development
- a research proposal, including key research questions, objectives (including how the research will advance the knowledge base and have an impact on policy and practice), theoretical context and relationship to other research, research scope, methodology, relevance to NSW, stakeholder engagement, deliverables and indicative timeframes
- a curriculum vitae including qualifications, results and completed research activities
- a statement of support from the proposed supervisor/s confirming their involvement and outlining their role and the support that they will provide for career development and research outcomes
- curriculum vitae from the proposed supervisor/s providing evidence of areas of relevance to their proposed role
- a statement from the head of the school (or equivalent) confirming that the details in the application are correct and that the host institution will provide the necessary oversight and support
- a proposed budget, using the online form provided.



Assessment criteria



PhD scholarships

Applications for the PhD scholarships that meet the eligibility criteria will be assessed by an independent panel against the following criteria. It is recommended that applications articulate how each of the criteria will be addressed.

Merit

The extent to which the applicant:

- possesses the necessary qualifications, skills and academic ability required for the proposed research
- demonstrates an interest and commitment to building their career in gambling studies.

The extent to which the research proposal:

- is relevant to at least one of the current RGF research priorities outlined in this funding guide
- is likely to impact policy and practice to address gambling harm in NSW
- is innovative and novel

- shows understanding of and responsiveness to the existing body of literature and research
- takes a multi-disciplinary approach to the research where relevant to the topic
- demonstrates rigour and appropriateness of the research methodology
- considers and addresses potential ethical issues.

Viability

The extent to which the application:

- outlines a feasible research scope, methodology, deliverables and timeframes
- includes supervisor/s with appropriate knowledge, experience and skills to support learning and research outcomes
- will be managed by an organisation with a sound track record in undertaking similar research
- outlines an appropriate and feasible plan for stakeholder engagement relevant to the objectives of the research.



Career development

The extent to which the application:

- addresses how the candidate or fellow will be supported by the supervisor/s and host organisation to develop their skills, knowledge, confidence, networks and overall academic career
- outlines an appropriate plan for how the applicant will be involved in communicating and disseminating the results of the research, including potential publications and conference presentations.

Budget

The extent to which the proposal:

- offers value for money and appropriate use of government funds
- is based on realistic estimated costs
- additional anticipated costs are covered by confirmed sources.

Applications that include funding co-contributions from academic institutions or other funding bodies will be considered favourably.

Funding will not be provided for capital expenditure.

\$ Study grants

Eligible applications will be assessed by the Office of Responsible Gambling against the following criteria.

The extent to which:

- the conference is relevant to the applicant's current area of study or work and will be of benefit to their career development
- the applicant possesses the necessary qualifications, skills and ability required for the proposed presentation
- the conference and the proposed presentation is relevant to at least one of the current RGF research priorities outlined in this funding guide
- the proposed activity is likely to impact or share policy and practice in NSW to minimise gambling harm
- the application offers value for money and appropriate use of government funds
- the application is based on realistic estimated costs.



Funding conditions

If you are approved for funding you will be required to:

- sign a letter of agreement or contract
- comply with reporting requirements outlined in the funding agreement
- publicise the funding from the Office of Responsible Gambling in relevant publications, media or other material
- demonstrate satisfactory progress is being made via an annual progress review.

Get in touch

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