



Research Grants 2019

Funding Submission Guide

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 projects 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—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 related harms.





Research Grants 2019

In 2019, the Responsible Gambling Fund will provide funding for a range of research projects that provide the evidence base for responsible gambling policy, interventions and programs.

Support will be prioritised for research proposals that advance the research priorities outlined in the [Strategic Plan 2018–2021](#). The Responsible Gambling Fund's research agenda sets the priorities for research and is intended to inform:

- the development of evidence based responsible gambling policy, initiatives and regulatory approaches
- innovations in prevention, harm minimisation, intervention and support
- education and awareness programs to assist the people of NSW make informed choices, build awareness of responsible gambling and gambling related harm, and de-stigmatise help-seeking behaviour

The Office encourages research proposals involving:

- collaborative partnerships, for instance between academics and industry or service providers
- early career researchers

- applications from a diverse range of disciplines, fields and contexts, to ensure issues are explored from a range of perspectives

Priority research areas

The priority research areas for the Responsible Gambling Fund are:

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

Based on funding demand, priority may be given to research projects that include a focus on youth and new and emerging technologies.



Early career researchers

A priority of the strategic plan is to build capability and capacity in the gambling research field, in particular, broadening the pool of researchers in this field.

Projects involving early career researchers are strongly encouraged. Early career researchers are able to apply for smaller research grants, or be part of collaborative partnerships pitching for larger projects.

Types of funding

The Office is open to supporting a wide range of proposals. A mix of large scale proposals involving multi-year investments and small proposals with short time-frames will be funded.

For example, proposals could include:

- Academic and applied research studies
- Literature reviews
- Data analysis and data linkage studies
- Pilots and trials to test feasibility
- Evaluations

Submission Dates

The submission round

- **Opens—Tuesday 29 January 2019**
- **Closes—Tuesday 26 February 2019**

Please note: Larger grants that progress to stage two will be notified of requirements for additional information required to be provided by applicants in March 2019. See ‘How to Apply’ on page 4 for further details.

Eligibility

To be considered for funding a proposal needs to:

- be submitted by an organisation with an ABN
- clearly set out the need or gap it will address, and how it will have outcomes for people throughout NSW or for a targeted region/community in NSW
- address a priority research theme of the RGF
- be for a project with a fixed timeline and not for recurring, infrastructure or capital expenditure, or for operational costs including permanent staffing.



How to apply

All proposals are to be submitted via the [Office's grant portal](#). Applicants are able to apply for small grants (up to \$30,000) or larger grants (up to \$350,000) with details set out below.

Small grants, up to \$30,000

Applicants will submit a summary and high-level proposal via the grant portal. Proposals will then be assessed and determined.

Larger grants, \$30,001 to \$350,000

Applicants will participate in a two-stage application process.

Applicants will submit a summary and high-level proposal via the grant portal. Proposals will be assessed. Proposals that progress to stage two will receive written feedback and possible clarification questions. The Office may also request a follow up discussion. Applicants will then have the opportunity to submit a final and more detailed proposal. Larger grants will be notified of requirements for stage two in March 2019. Detailed proposals will then be assessed and determined.

Funding limit

Two categories of funding will be available in this research grant round:

1. Small Grants: Up to \$30,000
2. Larger Grants: \$30,001 to \$350,000

For applications seeking \$150,000 and above, co-contributions are strongly encouraged, either direct or through a contribution in kind.

Applications above \$350,000 may also be considered. However applicants should note that to be competitive, these must be compelling proposals that represent value for money.

Assessment criteria

All proposals will be considered against the following criteria. It is recommended proposals articulate how the criteria will be address by the project.

Merit

The extent to which the proposal:

- is likely to impact policy and practice to address gambling harm
- clearly identifies a *need* or *gap* and how the proposal will address this



- sets out the *benefit* of the project—the possible impact and who specifically would benefit
- outlines clear research questions and an appropriate research design and methodology to answer those questions
- demonstrates understanding of and responsiveness to the existing body of literature and research of responsible gambling
- aligns with the current priority research themes of the RGF
- will result in future practical applications to benefit the people of NSW.

Viability

The extent to which the proposal:

- builds on established, earlier research
- has an achievable project scope, methodology, deliverables and timeline. Applicants will need to articulate both the *output* and *outcomes* of the project
- brings together a project team with the appropriate skills to ensure success
- will be managed by an organisation with a sound track record in delivering similar projects, with appropriate governance arrangements

- involves collaborative partnerships, for instance between academics and industry or service providers.

Learnings

The extent to which the proposal:

- has an evidenced understanding of the current opportunity or issue the project intends to address
- incorporates evaluation to present a final report with analysis of project learnings
- builds research capability and capacity
- considers and addresses the potential practical application and implementation of the learnings.

Budget

The extent to which the proposal:

- offers value for money and appropriate use of government funds
- includes direct or in-kind contributions from the applicant
- is based on realistic estimated costs.



Timeline for funding decisions

It is anticipated that successful projects will be announced in the 2nd quarter of 2019.

Funding conditions

If you are approved for funding this will be subject to independent peer review of your proposal and final report, and you will be required to:

- provide ethics approval where relevant
- sign a funding agreement

- agree that any research funded as part of the grants program may only be published subject to peer review, and subject to the satisfaction of the Office
- publicise the funding from the Office of Responsible Gambling in relevant publications, media or other material, as applicable
- acquit the grant by providing a report on the project within 6 weeks of the project being completed.

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