

SECONDARY DATA ANALYSIS APPLICATION GUIDELINES

ABOUT GREO

GREO is an independent knowledge translation and exchange organisation with almost two decades of international experience in generating, synthesising, and mobilising research into action, across the health and wellbeing sectors.

GREO helps organisations improve their strategies, policies, and practices, by harnessing the power of evidence and stakeholder insight. Our services include sourcing and synthesising evidence, creating knowledge and education products, facilitation and stakeholder engagement, data and knowledge management support, evaluation, and applied research. GREO facilitates external reviews of proposed projects to ensure the highest standards of integrity. In this way, GREO supports the intellectual freedom and protects the intellectual property of researchers.

GREO supports the National Strategy to Reduce Gambling Harms as a neutral, arm's-length organisation that manages the solicitation, review, funding, and project management of safer gambling initiatives.

GREO has reopened the April 2020 call for secondary analyses of health-related datasets from Great Britain and is now accepting applications. Application deadline is July 28, 2020. Two awards valued at up to £17,500 each will be granted.

OVERVIEW OF DATA

The Scottish Centre for Social Research and the National Centre for Social Research combined nationally representative surveys to create the ***Gambling in England and Scotland: Combined Data from the Health Survey for England and the Scottish Health Survey***. Similar sampling methods and approaches to data collection make the two national surveys directly comparable. Separate datasets were created for 2012, 2015, and 2016. These high-quality datasets have potential to bridge significant research gaps in the field of gambling. They allow opportunities to explore gambling participation and prevalence in relation to physical and mental health status (including specific health conditions), social support, employment, quality of life, and populations at-risk of gambling problems. The datasets and documentation are available free of charge from the [UK Data Service](#).

Proposals that draw upon other high-quality datasets with health and gambling variables may be used, providing they can be generalisable to Great Britain. Newer datasets are preferred.

Preference is given to research proposals that address the following priority areas:

- Gambling and co-occurring health conditions, including substance abuse and mental and physical health conditions;
- Populations experiencing social inequity (e.g., youth, older adults, women, black and minority ethnic, low income);
- Reducing harm to individuals, families, and/or communities across the spectrum of gambling risk levels;
- Gaps in treatment service provision; and,
- Relationships between gambling forms, co-occurring health conditions, and problem gambling risk levels.

Deliverables: A brief summary report that will be posted to GREO's website following project completion.

ELIGIBILITY

This solicitation is open to all researchers with knowledge of gambling in Great Britain. Researchers working in Great Britain or based elsewhere and partnering with researchers in Great Britain are preferred. In the case of international partnerships, it is preferred that funding be distributed through an eligible UK institution. Applications from both public and private sector are welcome

VALUE AND DURATION

Project Term: The term of the project is 6 months. Unless otherwise indicated, projects will start on **September 1st, 2020** and must be completed no later than **February 28, 2021**.

Award: **Two awards will be granted**, valued at **up to £17,500 each** depending on the scale of the project (including all expenses, direct and indirect, and all applicable taxes). Applicants must submit a detailed budget that justifies the proposed project and its costs.

SCHEDULE

June 17th, 2020	Solicitation opens
July 28th, 2020	Application submission deadline (5:00 pm EST)
August 12th, 2020	Funding notifications
September 1st, 2020	Project start date
Feb. 28th, 2021	Project completion date

HOW TO APPLY

Please ensure all uploaded documents are in one of the following formats: .docx, .xlsx, or .pdf.

1. Title page
2. Abstract
3. Research proposal
4. Data access, and ethical considerations
5. Applicant's Curriculum Vitae
6. Budget

APPLICATION TITLE PAGE

Include the following:

- Name of applicant
- Affiliation
- Study title
- Dataset name
- Identify priority area to be addressed

ABSTRACT

Please provide a summary abstract that includes the (1) purpose and significance, (2) rationale, (3) methodology, and (4) potential implications of the proposed research (max. 300 words).

PROJECT PROPOSAL

The project proposal requirements are detailed in the **Research Proposal Evaluation** chart in the appendix. Please include and subtitle all sections outlined in the chart. The proposal must not exceed three-single spaced pages (excluding references and appendices).

ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

Applicants must obtain research ethics approval and funding is conditional upon ethics approval being granted.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Submit the most current version of your curriculum vitae.

BUDGET AND TIMELINE

Complete the downloadable [budget summary and timeline template](#). Allowable budget expense categories include personnel, equipment, supplies, and travel expenses. Complete the timeline chart (found in the same excel workbook).

APPENDICES

You may submit additional information to support your application. Appendices are limited to a maximum of five (5) pages. When including more than one appendix, please combine into a single .pdf.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Please send an email with a brief cover letter in the body of the email. Send the application package as one continuous document as a pdf.

Use the following format to organize your application:

1. Title page
2. Abstract
3. Research proposal
4. System support, access, ethical considerations
5. Budget and timeline
6. Applicant's Curriculum Vitae
7. Appendices (if applicable)

Please submit all documents via email to **Margo Hilbrecht** margo@greo.ca (cc: erika@greo.ca) by **5:00 pm EST on July 28th, 2020**.

QUESTIONS

Please send questions and comments to:

Margo Hilbrecht, Ph.D.

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Appendix: Research Proposal Evaluation

Evaluation scale	1 = poor, 2 = fair, 3 = good, 4 = very good, 5 = excellent	
Proposal Component (value)	Section Criteria	Evaluation Criteria
Purpose and significance (15%)	Purpose: Clearly state the purpose of the research.	Degree to which the purpose of the research is clearly stated. /5
	Describe the major problem or conceptual/ theoretical/ pragmatic question(s) this research is intended to address.	Degree to which the problem/question the secondary analysis is intended to address is clear. /5
	Significance: Detail the ways in which this research will make an important contribution or add value to the British gambling and health landscape with either applied or theoretical importance. Demonstrate alignment with the National Strategy to Reduce Gambling Harms.	Degree to which the research is likely to make an important contribution to the British gambling and health landscape. /5
Rationale and literature review (25%)	Review the literature related to your project, clearly demonstrating how the rationale behind your project is informed by relevant evidence.	Degree to which the proposed project draws upon and is informed by relevant evidence. /10
	Discuss the theoretical framework or conceptual model that will guide your research, and clearly show how it will be applied.	Degree to which the theoretical framework or conceptual model is logically and thoughtfully applied to the proposed project. /5
	State the hypothesis(es) or your research question(s).	Degree to which hypothesis(es)/ research questions are clearly stated. /5
	Throughout this section, clearly demonstrate why your research is filling a need based on the available evidence and knowledge in the literature.	Degree to which it is clear that the project would fill a knowledge gap based on the literature presented. /5

Methodology (/30)	Identify the population, sample and sampling procedures.	Identification of the population, sample and sampling procedures /5
	Identify main variables (independent and dependent) and how they are to be measured (operationalisation of concepts).	Identification of main variables (independent and dependent) and how they are to be measured (operationalisation of concepts) /5
	Identification of any intervening, control, or conditional variables.	Identification of any intervening, control, or conditional variables /5
	A description of the data collection procedures.	Description of the data collection procedures. /5
	Discuss ethical considerations.	Discussion of ethical considerations /5
	A description of data analysis plan.	Description of data analysis plan /5
Knowledge translation plan (15%) Knowledge translation plan must be focused on mobilising findings within Great Britain in support of the National Strategy to Reduce Gambling Harms. Knowledge translation products can take many forms and should not consist solely of conference presentations and peer reviewed publications. Remember that you can contact GREO at any time during the application process for assistance with this section.	Describe the types of knowledge translation products that will be produced as a result of this project (e.g. workshop materials, reports, videos).	Degree to which the KT products and activities appear to be an appropriate choice for target audience /5
	Describe which audiences benefit from these knowledge translation products and in what way.	Degree to which it is clear how target audiences are intended to use/benefit from KT products and activities /5
	Describe how will you actively disseminate these products/ implement strategies.	Degree to which it is clear how KT products/activities will be disseminated and/or implemented /5
Budget and timelines (10%)	Project budget and timeline should be included in the downloadable template provided.	Degree to project appears feasible within the timeline /5
		Degree to which budget breakdown logically reflects project work /5