

ACADEMIC FORUM FOR THE STUDY OF GAMBLING

Call for applications to design and administer the lived experience access fund (LEAF)

On behalf of the Academic Forum for the Study of Gambling (AFSG), Greo is accepting applications from entities (charities, groups, consortiums, or any other group representing people with Lived Experience of gambling-related harm) to design and administer the *Lived Experience Access Fund* (LEAF).

ABOUT THE LIVED EXPERIENCE ACCESS FUND (LEAF)

The AFSG and Greo are seeking an entity (charity, organisation, group, or consortiums) representing or led by people with Lived Experience of gambling-related harm to **design and administer** a new fund: the Lived Experience Access Fund (LEAF).

The aim of LEAF is to enable those who have experienced harm through gambling to actively participate in the research process of studies intended to reduce gambling-related harm. The goal of this fund is to enable/assist/build capacity among people with LE to be actively involved in the research process. This could include but is not limited to the conception or design of the research, acquisition, analysis, or interpretation of data, writing of the final report or revising it critically to ensure it is grounded in lived experience.

Specifically, the *Lived Experience Access Fund* could be used:

- for upskilling and personal development of those with LE by providing funds that will assist access to training opportunities that will better enable people with LE to participate in the research process.
- to remove access barriers that may prevent those with LE from attending, contributing, and participating in the research process/creation of projects, and conferences by providing funds to reimburse registration fees, travel, and accommodation expenses, etc.
- to empower people with LE to actively participate in the research process in other unanticipated ways

The fund is **not** intended to compensate people with LE for participation in research projects. That is, it may not be used as a means of payment or remuneration for participatory involvement in any stage of a research study (in fact, researchers should have participant compensation built into their programme or research project). Instead, the fund is intended to support and empower people with LE in acquiring the skills and experience they feel they need to get more from the research community and process.

The successful entity will work with the AFSG and Greo to develop a transparent, fair procedure for distributing LEAF monies to people with lived experience of harm from gambling to better enable their participation in research on gambling-related harm.

The successful entity must consider the potential ethical challenges involved in administering funds to people who have experienced gambling harm and how they might address this issue.

The total amount available is £25,000 (£20,000 to distribute to people with LE and £5,000 to the successful organisation to administer the funds). More about the source of these funds may be found here: [About the AFSG Funds](#)

Timeline

10 January 2023	Call for applications announced
24 January 2023	Expression of interest (EOI) deadline*
14 February 2023	Application submission deadline

*Submission of an EOI by the above deadline is required. Applications submitted by February 14th will not be accepted if an EOI was not submitted.

Eligibility

Any entity (such as charities, groups, or a consortium of organisations and individuals) that can appropriately demonstrate project leadership provided by those with Lived Experience in gambling harm.

Eligible entities must be based in the UK and have access to a formal financial process for monitoring and directing finances and preparing financial reports, either internally or through a partnership with a UK Institution.

Entities that are unsure if they meet this eligibility requirement are encouraged to contact afsg-funding@greo.ca to discuss potential options.

Willingness to work with and provide regular updates to the AFSG and Greo.

Willingness to work collaboratively with other organisations and partners.

Application Process:

The LEAF is a first-of-its-kind in UK gambling research. As such, the AFSG and Greo will work with interested entities to develop quality applications via the following process:

Expressions of interest (EOI): If you are interested in administering the LEAF, please complete the [online expression of interest form](#) by 24 January 2023 at 5:00 PM (GMT). Interested entities may be contacted by AFSG Outreach committee to meet virtually to describe their proposed approach.

Application: Invited applicants will be notified or sent specific instructions to complete a full application by 14 February 2023 at 5:00 PM (GMT). Full applications must be received as a single PDF and sent to afsg-funding@greo.ca

ABOUT THE ACADEMIC FORUM FOR THE STUDY OF GAMBLING (AFSG)

The [Academic Forum for the Study of Gambling](#) is a group of academic researchers dedicated to advancing the research needed to effectively prevent, reduce, and address gambling harm. The purpose of the AFSG is to act as a coordinated body to assert the importance of rigorous, independent research to prevent, reduce, and address gambling harm in the UK.

To accomplish its aims, the AFSG engages in a number of activities including, but not limited to:

- Responding to or initiating calls for evidence;
- Providing seed grants for promising research;
- Supporting independent gambling conferences;
- Public engagement; and
- Providing support for early-career researchers.

All AFSG activities and grants are funded from regulatory settlements for socially responsible purposes. More information about the funds may be found on our [website](#).

ABOUT GREO

Greo is an independent knowledge translation and exchange organisation with over 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.