

ACADEMIC FORUM FOR THE STUDY OF GAMBLING

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SUPPORT GRANTS

About the Academic Forum for the Study of Gambling (AFSG)

The AFSG is a group of academic researchers in the UK 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](#). The Gambling Commission reviews and approves proposals for destinations of regulatory settlements. Funds are administered by Greo.

On behalf of the AFSG, Greo is accepting applications for **Postgraduate Research Support Grants**.



About Greo

Greo is an independent knowledge translation and exchange organisation with 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 serves as an independent platform that provides financial, governance, and intellectual property oversight for organisations seeking to fund research investigating the impacts of their programmes, policies, and practices or how to improve them. Greo does this by helping organisations to conceptualise their research needs and managing the end-to-end engagement—from solicitation to the review and awarding of funds to project oversight. This results in a rigorous and transparent process that minimises bias, manages confidentiality, strengthens the integrity of the findings, and respects the intellectual freedom of researchers.

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PURPOSE

Support is available to PhD students and to those who hold postdoctoral positions to offset the costs of conducting research that directly or indirectly informs efforts to address gambling-related harm.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be registered as a PhD student or hold a postdoctoral research position with a UK university. Applicants must also be members of the AFSG. AFSG membership is free-of-charge and open to anyone affiliated or working with a UK university who is interested in conducting or co-creating independent research on gambling-related harm. See the [AFSG Membership webpage](#) for further details.

Funding must be administered by a UK university.

CONDITIONS

The research project under consideration must demonstrate that it is rigorous, independent research that directly or indirectly informs efforts to address gambling-related harm.

The AFSG encourages open science practices. Pre-registration of research hypotheses is encouraged, however it is not required.

The AFSG encourages the involvement of Experts by Experience or Lived Experience Experts in all stages of the research process. Applications which demonstrate involvement and specific considerations of EBE/LE will be given preference during the adjudication process.

VALUE AND DURATION

Postgraduate Research Support Grants are valued at £3,000 and can last up to 12 months.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Expression of interest (EOI): Please send an email to afsg-funding@greo.ca by October 25, 2022 at 5:00pm (GMT) indicating: (1) which award you are planning on submitting for; and (2) the university to which funds would be distributed through (if successful). The email subject should be "EOI: AFSG Postgraduate Research Support Grant".

Full application: Applicants should prepare an application according to the instructions below and email it as a single PDF to afsg-funding@greo.ca by 25 November 2022, at 5:00pm (GMT). The email subject should be "APPLICATION: AFSG Postgraduate Research Support Grant".

HOW TO PREPARE THE APPLICATION

THE APPLICATION SHOULD INCLUDE:

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| 1 | TITLE PAGE | 4 | CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT |
| 2 | OUTLINE OF PROJECT | 5 | LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM PHD SUPERVISOR OR POSTDOCORAL LINE MANAGER |
| 3 | CURRENT FUNDING SITUATION | | |
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1 TITLE PAGE

Please include the following:

- Applicant name and contact information
- Name and contact information of applicant's academic supervisor
- Name of the UK University the applicant is affiliated with
- Dated signatures of:
 - Applicant
 - Applicant's Supervisor

2 OUTLINE OF PROJECT (TWO PAGES MAXIMUM)

Provide a brief summary of the research project(s) you will be working on. Include information on the:

- Purpose of the research project(s)
- Methodology
- Status of the project(s) (i.e., ongoing, completed, or planned)
- Timeline of tasks
 - Start and end dates of the project(s)
 - A high-level estimated timeline of key tasks required to complete the research project (e.g., ethics application, data collection, analysis, writing, completion)
- Results of the project(s) either anticipated or realised

3 CURRENT FUNDING SITUATION

Please include:

- A brief summary describing any other sources of funding you will be in receipt of during the application funding period.
- A brief paragraph describing how the funds will help you complete the research project described above.

4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Include a Conflict of Interest statement covering the past five years. This should include any funding received, employment with, or financial or non-financial interests that could be reasonably perceived as directly or indirectly influencing the work described above.

5 LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM PHD SUPERVISOR OR POSTDOCORAL LINE MANAGER

ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Timeline

11 October 2022 Call for applications announced

25 October 2022 Expression of interest (EOI) deadline

25 November 2022 Application submission deadline

13 January 2023 Notification to applicants
(funding to commence soon after)

31 January 2024 Project completion date

[2 weeks after
completion date] Summary of research project due

Evaluation and Scoring

A working group of at minimum three AFSG members will review and evaluate applications according to the following criteria:

- Overall fit of research project(s) with the purpose of the funding program
- Quality of proposed research
- Need
- Letter of reference

Summary of Research Project

Successful applicants are requested to send a short summary of their project to afsg-funding@greo.ca two weeks after the project completion date.

Successful applicants will also be asked to present the results of their research in a short webinar after the project completion date. The AFSG Executive Committee, and possibly other members of the AFSG, will attend these webinars.

Successful applicants may be asked to present their research project at an AFSG researcher session at the Current Advances in Gambling Research Conference.

Applications will be scored on a scale of one to five for each of the criterion above using the following scale:

Excellent	5
Very Good	4
Good	3
Acceptable	2
Not Acceptable	1

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Questions and comments can be submitted to: afsg-funding@greo.ca