

# 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 US

Greio 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. Greio 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.

Greio 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. Greio 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 Postdoctoral Fellows to offset the costs of conducting research that directly or indirectly informs efforts to address gambling-related harm.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants registered as a PhD student or hold a Postdoctoral Fellowship with a UK university.

Funding must flow to an eligible UK institution.

## **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.

## **VALUE AND DURATION**

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

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

**Notices of intent (NOI):** Please send an email to [afsg-funding@greo.ca](mailto:afsg-funding@greo.ca) by February 1, 2022 at 5:00pm (GMT) indicating: (1) which award you are planning on submitting for; and (2) the organisation to which funds would flow (if successful). The email subject should be "NOI: 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](mailto:afsg-funding@greo.ca) by 25 February 2022, at 5:00pm (GMT). The email subject should be "APPLICATION: AFSG Postgraduate Research Support Grant".

**The application should include:**

## **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 ACADEMIC ADVISOR**

## ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

### Timeline

13 January 2022	Call for applications announced
1 February 2022	Notice of intent (NOI) deadline <sup>1</sup>
25 February 2022	Application submission deadline
18 March 2022	Notification to applicants (funding to commence soon after)
31 March 2023	Project completion date

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### 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

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

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Questions or further information about the call should be directed to [afsg-funding@greo.ca](mailto:afsg-funding@greo.ca).