

# ACADEMIC FORUM FOR THE STUDY OF GAMBLING

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT TRAVEL / CONFERENCE GRANTS

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### **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 **Student Travel / Conference 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 for Master's and PhD students, and to those who hold postdoctoral positions for registration and/or travel expenses to participate in conferences, workshops, training, courses, and other research-related activities.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be registered as a Master's or 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 following research-related activities (hereafter referred to as "events") are eligible for support:

- Conferences
- Institutes or seminars
- Workshops
- Courses or training sessions
- Lectures or speaking tours
- Networking/collaborative visits

The AFSG committee will carefully consider the appropriateness of the event.

Funding applications must be submitted in advance of the event.

## VALUE AND DURATION

Six awards of £500 each are available until 31 March 2023. Awards are limited to one per individual student or postdoctoral researcher annually.

## DELIVERABLES

Award recipients are requested to provide a one-page summary of the events attended, including a brief description of the overall educational experience, to [afsg-funding@greo.ca](mailto:afsg-funding@greo.ca) two weeks after the event end date.

## **Application Process**

The application should be completed [online](#). Applicants should provide:

- A brief description of the event
- A brief description of the applicant's involvement in the event
- A brief description of how the applicant's participation will help advance knowledge of gambling-related harms
- A brief explanation of how the proposed travel will be important to the applicant's career development
- For industry-sponsored events, applicants must provide a strong rationale explaining how attending the event will aid in their academic research or academic career.
- A travel budget covering registration, transportation, food, and accommodation should be included in the application.

## **Review Process**

Applications will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Appropriateness, importance, and relevance of the event to the applicant's career development and the gambling research field
- Opportunity for applicant to build professional contacts, linkages, and networks
- Role or participation level of the applicants (presenting/poster/delegate)
- Reasonableness/appropriateness of the budget

Every effort will be made to notify the applicant of the funding decision with 14 days of application.

## Timeline

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11 October 2022      Call for applications re-announced

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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