RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

UNLV International Gaming Institute is seeking grant proposals from graduate students and faculty studying problem gambling. We encourage submissions from a broad range of fields and topics!

BACKGROUND

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services has allocated $32,000 to encourage Nevada scholars to contribute to the field of problem gambling by offering research grants. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis, after applications are reviewed by committee. Multiple small grants of up to $3000 each and a larger grant of up to $15,000 will be awarded.

TOPICS

Submissions are welcomed for any projects that explore issues related to problem gambling. Researchers may analyze existing data or conduct their own original data collection. Special consideration will be given to projects that improve public awareness through dissemination of research findings in public forums.

DETAILS

- Open to graduate students and faculty based in Nevada.
- Graduate students in sociology, psychology, social work, epidemiology, public health, biostatistics, or a similar field are encouraged to apply. Graduate students must have a faculty advisor’s approval.
- You will be required to submit a proposal to present your research findings at The Nevada State Conference on Problem Gambling.
  - In the event you are not selected for the Nevada State Conference, you will be asked to present your research at another conference in Nevada (for example: UNLV GPSA Research Forum, UNR GSA Research Symposium, American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences Conference, discipline-specific regional conferences)
- Research involving human subjects must obtain IRB approval from an academic institution.
- The proposal must include a description of how results will be communicated to the public (for example: social media, blogs, editorials, symposia).
- You must complete the research and submit a preliminary report by June 30, 2020. (You may fulfill the conference presentation requirement in 2021. Final report due by no later than September 30, 2020 and is required in order to be considered for future grants.)
- It is expected that a white paper, conference presentation, and public awareness component will result from each project, though other deliverables (e.g. thesis, dissertation, academic journal publications, or policy advocacy for best practices) are also welcome.
- If you have any questions about eligibility or the application process, email them to andrea.dassopoulou@unlv.edu

TIMELINE

Applications are due November 15. Award recipients will be announced by December 6. A portion of the award will be given at the start of the project, with the rest upon completion. Projects must be completed by June 30, 2020.
APPLICATION FOR SEED GRANT ON PROBLEM GAMBLING RESEARCH

Applicants should prepare a brief proposal (up to 1,000 words) addressing the following questions:

1. Name, affiliation, contact information, award amount requested, and budget justification.
2. What research question(s) will your study address?
3. What potential contributions will this study make to the fields of problem gambling treatment, prevention, and/or awareness?
4. What is your proposed study design? (Submissions should emphasize how the project will be executed, including a detailed strategy on any research methodology, timelines, research plan, and deliverables.)
5. How will your research findings be communicated?
6. Human Subjects Research: should any primary research be conducted with human subjects (including both exempt and full review formats), submissions should outline how human subject reviews will be undertaken with an appropriate institutional review board.
7. Anticipated timeline for project, including start and complete dates.
8. How does this research project fit with your academic and career goals?
9. (For graduate students) When submitting your proposal, cc your advisor in the email and include the following statement in the body of the email:
   “My advisor (advisor’s name, institutional affiliation, email address) has read this proposal and views this as an appropriate project for me.”
10. Submit completed applications as an attached word document to andrea.dassopoulos@unlv.edu no later than 11:59pm PST on November 15, 2019. Proposals will be de-identified and blind-reviewed by a committee of three reviewers.