



OREGON COUNCIL on PROBLEM GAMBLING

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Digital Health Tools in Gambling Treatment, Prevention, and Responsible Gambling

ABOUT THE OREGON COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

The Oregon Council on Problem Gambling (OCPG) is a nonprofit organization committed to reducing gambling-related harm through research, education, and community partnerships. The Oregon Gambling Research Center (OGRC), an initiative of the OCPG, supports innovative, policy-relevant, and community-informed research focused on gambling-related issues. Through initiatives like this RFP, OGRC aims to advance the understanding of gambling behaviors and inform prevention, treatment, and harm reduction efforts. Learn more at oregoncpg.org

OVERVIEW

The OGRC seeks to support innovative, policy-relevant, and community-informed research that enhances understanding of how digital tools—such as mobile apps, telehealth platforms, online therapy services, wearables, or AI-enabled interventions—can support prevention, engagement, treatment, and recovery outcomes for individual affected by gambling disorder and other addictions.

Up to \$20,000 in funding is available per award. Projects are to be completed within 12 months of the award start date. Faculty, postdocs, and graduate students are eligible to apply.

- For projects that span over multiple years, require additional funding, or do not fit the parameters outlined here, email us at research@oregoncpg.org to discuss.
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DEADLINES

Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis and reviewed monthly. Early submission is encouraged.

ELIGIBILITY



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Applicants must be:

- Faculty or Postdoctoral Researchers affiliated with an accredited college or university
- Graduate students (master's or doctoral level). Graduate student applications must include a faculty sponsor.
- Researchers affiliated with nonprofit or community-based organizations
- Independent researchers or research consultants with demonstrated experience conducting rigorous research

Applicants may be based outside of Oregon; however, the project must demonstrate a clear benefit to people living in Oregon. **Collaborations with community-based researchers, practitioners, or organizations in Oregon are strongly encouraged.** Proposals that demonstrate equitable partnerships and community engagement will be prioritized.

RESEARCH PRIORITIES

We are particularly interested in proposals that address one or more of the following:

- Effectiveness of digital health tools in supporting gambling disorder or addiction recovery
- Patient engagement, adherence, and satisfaction with digital platforms
- Integration of digital tools into traditional treatment or prevention systems
- Barriers and facilitators to the adoption and effective use of digital interventions
- Accessibility, equity, and ethical considerations in digital health delivery
- Impact of digital interventions on co-occurring gambling and substance use disorders
- Culturally responsive digital tools for diverse populations
- Development and evaluation of digital tools designed to promote responsible gambling behaviors (e.g. limit-setting features, self-exclusion programs, personalized feedback)
- The role of digital interventions in supporting self-regulation and harm reduction strategies among people at risk for gambling problems
- Use of behavioral data and AI to identify risky gambling patterns and deliver early interventions
- Effectiveness of digital public health campaigns and educational interventions aimed at preventing gambling-related harm.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

1. **Project Summary** (max 1 page), including:



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- a. Title
 - b. Researchers names, institutional affiliations, contact information, roles in proposed project
 - c. Brief overview
2. **Project Description**, including:
 - a. **Research question(s) and Background** (max 2 pages): Clearly state the research question(s) and provide a summary of the background and significance.
 - b. **Research Design and Methodology**: Detail the study design, data collection and analysis methods, address ethical considerations and IRB process if applicable. (no page limit)
 - c. **Address Ethical Considerations**: and if you are conducting primary research with human subjects (including both exempt and full review formats), include details about when and where human subject reviews will be undertaken with an appropriate institutional review board.
 - d. **Potential Impact, Contributions and Benefits to Oregon**: Explain how the project will advance knowledge, practice, prevention, or treatment related to gambling among older adults. Explain how findings will benefit people in Oregon.
 - e. **Dissemination Plan**: Describe how findings will be shared with both academic and non-academic audiences, with emphasis on Oregon-specific dissemination efforts and workforce development (if applicable).
 - i. Grantees will be expected to make findings available for Oregon audiences through webinars or other appropriate outlets as requested by OCPG.
 - f. **Timeline and Feasibility**: Provide a detailed timeline for project completion within a 12-month period.
3. **Budget and Justification**: Provide a detailed budget and justification of costs.
 - a. Awards may be up to \$20,000. Funds may be used for:
 - i. Personnel (e.g. graduate assistants, hourly research staff, PI stipends)
 - ii. Participant incentives
 - iii. Travel for data collection
 - iv. Materials and supplies
 - v. Data analysis software
 - vi. Dissemination costs (e.g., conference presentations, open-access publication fees)
 - vii. Indirect costs (restricted to 10% of budget).
4. **Qualifications of Investigators**:
 - a. Summarize the experience and qualifications of the applicant(s).
 - b. Graduate students must include a faculty letter of support



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- c. Nonprofit organization must include a brief organizational profile (1 page max)
- d. Include how this project fits into academic, professional, or organizational priorities (if relevant)
- e. Include CV(s) or Biosketch(es)

Submit completed proposals as a single document or pdf to research@oregoncpg.org . (Letters of support may be sent directly by the author if preferred)

REVIEW PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Proposals will undergo a multi-step review process:

1. **Initial Screening**
Submitted proposals will be screened within one week of receipt to ensure they meet eligibility and submission requirements.
2. **Committee Review and Scoring**
Eligible proposals will be reviewed and scored by the Oregon Gambling Research Center's review committee, composed of experts in gambling research. This process typically takes between 2 to 6 weeks. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria outlined in the "Review Criteria" section of this RFP.
3. **Final Selection and Award Notification**
Final funding decisions will be made 3 to 7 weeks after the initial screening. Selected applicants will be notified via email.

Applicants may inquire about the status of their submission at any time during the review process by contacting research@oregoncpg.org.

As part of the review process, the committee may request:

- Revisions or clarifications to the proposal prior to final decisions.
- A meeting with the researcher(s) to discuss the proposal in more detail.

The Oregon Gambling Research Center reserves the right to make no awards or partial awards depending on the quality and relevance of submissions.

Criterion	Points Available	Evaluation Criteria



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Relevance to Oregon & Problem Gambling	20	- Does the project address key issues related to problem gambling in Oregon? - Will the research benefit Oregon's population? - Are the contributions to treatment, prevention, policy, or awareness clearly stated?
Research Question & Background	15	- Is the research question well-defined and significant? - Does the background provide sufficient context for the project?
Research Design & Methodology	25	- Is the study design appropriate and feasible? - Does the proposal include clear methods for data collection and analysis? - Are ethical considerations, such as IRB approval, addressed (if applicable)?
Potential Impact & Contributions	15	- Does the project have the potential to make a meaningful contribution to problem gambling treatment, policy, or prevention? - Will it advance knowledge or practices in the field?
Dissemination Plan	10	- Does the project include a clear plan for sharing findings? - Are there innovative methods for reaching non-academic audiences? - Are Oregon-specific dissemination efforts included?
Budget & Justification	10	- Is the budget detailed and reasonable for the scope of the project? - Are the expenses justified and allowable under the RFP guidelines?
Timeline & Feasibility	5	- Is the timeline realistic for completing the project? - Does the proposal outline a clear start and end date?
Researcher(s) Qualifications	5	- Does the researcher have the relevant experience and background to successfully carry out the project? - For graduate students: Is the advisor's endorsement provided and appropriate?