



OREGON COUNCIL on PROBLEM GAMBLING

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Research on Older Adults and Gambling

OVERVIEW

The Oregon Gambling Research Center (OGRC), an initiative of the Oregon Council on Problem Gambling, invites proposals for research focused on older adults and gambling. The OGRC seeks to support innovative, policy-relevant, and community-informed research that enhances understanding of gambling behaviors, risk and protective factors, service access, or related health and social outcomes among adults aged 60 and older.

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.

DEADLINES

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

ELIGIBILITY

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.

Applicants may be based outside of Oregon; however, the project must demonstrate a clear benefit to older adults 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.



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RESEARCH PRIORITIES

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

- Prevalence and patterns of gambling among older adults in Oregon
- Risk factors for problem gambling in late life (e.g., social isolation, cognitive decline, fixed income)
- Intersection of gambling and other health issues (e.g., mental health, substance use, dementia)
- Help-seeking behaviors, barriers to treatment, and service utilization
- Effectiveness or accessibility of prevention, intervention, or outreach strategies for older adults
- Cultural, linguistic, or geographic disparities in gambling-related harm
- Ethical and policy implications of gambling products marketed to or disproportionately used by older adults
- Strategies to strengthen the behavioral health workforce's capacity to address gambling-related issues among older adults, including training and education

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

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



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- 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
 - c. Include how this project fits into academic or career trajectory (if relevant)
 - d. 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



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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
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?



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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?