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*September 2021 - Activity Update to ACPG*  
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### **PREVENTION**

Council staff have been reconnecting with community organizations, treatment centers and schools to identify opportunities for participation health and wellness activities and to offer agency presentations on problem gambling.

The Council will be participating at the Walk in Memory Walk for Hope on September 11, 2021, hosted by Nevada Coalition for Suicide Prevention. The Council is a member of the NCSP and this annual event is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the high risk of suicide among problem gamblers. We are excited to be able to participate in person again and provide resources to the walkers and other participating agencies, as the 2020 event was virtual.

The Council has been invited to participate in the 2-day employee Wellness Fairs at Treasure Island and Circus Circus Hotels in Las Vegas during the month of September. We will be providing information and resources to gaming employees and their family members.

We have increased our social media posts throughout September to promote National Suicide Prevention Month, National Recovery Month and Responsible Gaming Education Week.

### **Research Mini Grants**

We are looking forward to our collaboration with UNLV IGI to provide state funded Research Mini Grants. We met with Andi Dassopoulos and Kim Garcia to work out the project submission timeline and process for issuing the monetary awards to the selected applicants. (See attached Call for Papers)

Project Timeline:

- Applications are due 9/30/21
- Award recipients to be announced on 10/15/21
- Projects must be completed by 4/30/22

Nevada Council on Problem Gambling will coordinate with UNLV IGI to select recipients to present their research findings at the 15th Annual Nevada State Conference on Problem in 2022.

### **Nevada State Conference**

The Council regularly promotes opportunities for professional education throughout the year and has begun planning for next year's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Nevada State Conference on Problem Gambling. We have reached out to the Suncoast Hotel for dates available in May and June of 2022 to host this 2-day in person education and networking event.



## RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

UNLV International Gaming Institute is teaming up with the Nevada Council on Problem Gambling to award research stipends in the amount of \$3,000 to TEN graduate students studying problem gambling!

Recipients will be selected on a competitive basis. These funds have been provided by the Nevada Department of Public and Behavioral Health in order to encourage Nevada scholars to contribute to the field of problem gambling.

### TOPICS

We welcome submissions from a broad range of fields and topics. All projects that explore issues related to problem gambling will be considered. Researchers may analyze existing data or conduct their own original data collection. Special consideration will be given to projects that find creative ways to disseminate research findings to non-academic audiences.

### DETAILS

- Open to all graduate students based in Nevada.
- Graduate students in sociology, psychology, social work, epidemiology, public health, biostatistics, or a similar field are encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must have a faculty advisor's approval.
- You will be asked to submit a proposal to present your research findings at The Nevada State Conference on Problem Gambling in Las Vegas (date TBD in June 2022).
  - In the event you are not selected for the Nevada State Conference or cannot travel to Las Vegas, you may 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.
- Research activities must be completed by April 30, 2022.
- 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.dassopoulos@unlv.edu](mailto:andrea.dassopoulos@unlv.edu)

### TIMELINE

Applications are due September 30, 2021. Award recipients will be announced by October 15, 2021. Half of the award amount will be given at the start of the project and the remainder upon completion. Projects must be completed by April 30, 2022 (conference presentations can occur at a later date).



## HOW TO APPLY FOR PROBLEM GAMBLING RESEARCH FUNDS

Applicants should prepare a brief proposal (no more than 1,000 words) addressing the following questions:

1. What research question(s) will your study address?
2. What potential contributions will this study make to the fields of problem gambling treatment, prevention, and/or awareness?
3. 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.)
4. How will your research findings be communicated?
5. Human Subjects Research: if you are conducting primary research with human subjects (including both exempt and full review formats), your submission should outline how human subject reviews will be undertaken with an appropriate institutional review board.
6. The anticipated timeline for the project, including start and completion dates.
7. How does this research project fit with your academic and career goals?

Other important information:

- Include your name, affiliation, proof of enrollment, such as a screenshot of a schedule or something similar. (Does not count as part of your word count.)
- Please number your responses to each question or include the question in your proposal.
- In lieu of a recommendation letter, 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.”
- Submit completed applications as an attached word document to [andrea.dassopoulos@unlv.edu](mailto:andrea.dassopoulos@unlv.edu) no later than 11:59 pm PST on September 30, 2022. Proposals will be de-identified and blind-reviewed by a committee of three reviewers.