

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Manitoba Gambling Research Program supports the development of high quality research that enables the evidence-based advancement of responsible gambling programs, and problem gambling prevention and treatment.

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries will be phasing out the Manitoba Gambling Research Program. Applications for funding will not be accepted in 2018. All approved research projects funded by the program to date will continue to receive funding until their completion.

As the program is phased out, Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries will reallocate funding and staff resources to other social responsibility initiatives. This includes a continuing strong commitment to research and evaluation.

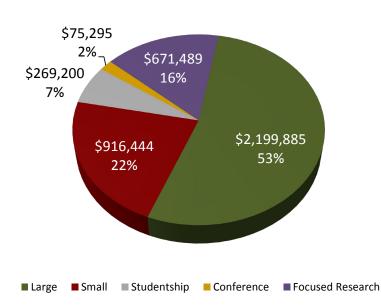
We are grateful to the Research Council members and peer reviewers for their time and dedication over the last six years, all contributed greatly to the program's success. We will continue to require the assistance of peer reviewers to assess final reports as research projects are completed over the next several years.

The program's website will remain active, with new reports posted as they are completed, to ensure the continued sharing of knowledge from past and current research projects.

FUNDED PROJECTS

In 2017, the program made 19 awards, valued at \$758,228 over the next three years.

The total value of the **89 awards** made by the program during its sixyear existence was just **over \$4.1 million**.





LARGE GRANTS

Developing and Testing the Effectiveness of a Novel Online Integrated Treatment for Problem Gambling and Tobacco Smoking: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Investigators:

Dr. Matthew Keough, University of Manitoba

Dr. Michael Schaub, University of Zurich

Dr. Sherry Stewart, Dalhousie University

Dr. David Hodgins, University of Calgary

Dr. James Mackillop, McMaster University

Dr. Michael Bagby, University of Toronto

Research Priority:

Examine the relationship between co-occurring disorders and at-risk/ problem gambling, and explore the implications for treatment.

Funding: \$449,992 (three years)

SMALL GRANTS

The Impact and Role of Emotion Regulation in Problem Gambling

Investigators:

Dr. Jeffrey Derevensky, McGill University

Dr. Tina Montreuil, McGill University

Dr. Matthew Keough, University of Manitoba

Research Priority:

Explore what risk and protective factors (e.g. behavioural, psychological, cultural/social, environmental, health, demographic, etc.) influence the movement back and forth between no risk and problem gambling risk levels and examine the resulting implications for prevention, harm minimization and/or treatment of gambling problems.

Funding: \$44,592 (two years)

A Realist Review to Elucidate the Mechanisms Linking Adverse Childhood Experiences and Couple Distress in Gambling Disorder

Investigators:

Dr. Bonnie Lee, University of Lethbridge

Dr. Gabriela Novotna, University of Regina

Dr. Rumi Graham, University of Lethbridge

Dr. Narumi Taniguchi, University of Winnipeg

Research Priority:

Examine the relationship between co-occurring disorders and at-risk/problem gambling, and explore the implications for treatment.

Funding: \$49,990 (two years)

Moving from Social Gambling to a Problem with Gambling Toward Recovery: Interviews and Interventions

Investigators:

Dr. Kathryn Levine, University of Manitoba Dr. Noella Piquette, University of Lethbridge

Research Priority:

Explore what risk and protective factors (e.g. behavioural, psychological, cultural/social, environmental, health, demographic, etc.) influence the movement back and forth between no risk and problem gambling risk levels and examine the resulting implications for prevention, harm minimization and/or treatment of gambling problems.

Funding: \$32,899 (two years)

Legal Ramifications of Problem Gambling

Investigator:

Derek Spencer, University of Winnipeg

Research Priority:

Identify effective practices and processes to minimize the number of voluntary exclusion breaches.

Funding: \$34,000 (two years)

The Prevalence of ADHD and the Clinical Utility and Feasibility of ADHD Screening in a Problem-Gambling, Treatment-Seeking Manitoba Sample

Investigators:

Dr. Jennifer Theule, University of Manitoba Dr. Matthew Keough, University of Manitoba

Research Priority:

Examine the relationship between co-occurring disorders and at-risk/ problem gambling, and explore the implications for treatment.

Funding: \$35,864 (two years)

Gambling among Immigrants to Canada: A Quantitative Investigation Using the Canadian Community Health Survey

Investigators:

Dr. James Townsend, University of Winnipeg

Dr. Wenbiao Cai, University of Winnipeg

Research Priority:

Investigate how economic, cultural/social, or jurisdictional factors influence gambling behaviour and what the implication may be for preventing and/or reducing gambling-related harm.

Funding: \$39,420 (one year)

Implications of Empathy for Effective Self- and Social Regulation of Gambling Behaviour

Investigators:

Dr. Jacquie Vorauer, University of Manitoba

Research Priority:

Determine effective approaches for identifying and interacting with players who may be exhibiting signs of at-risk or problem gambling.

Funding: \$49,389 (two years)

STUDENTSHIPS

When Does Self-Compassion Lead to Increased or Decreased Risk-Taking by Potential Problem Gamblers? Interpretations of Regulatory Focus for Risk

Student:

Cindy Foster, University of Manitoba

Research Priority:

Explore what risk and protective factors (e.g. behavioural, psychological, cultural/social, environmental, health, demographic, etc.) influence the movement back and forth between no risk and problem gambling risk levels and examine the resulting implications for prevention, harm minimization and/or treatment of gambling problems.

Funding: M.A. Studentship \$5,000 (one year)

CONFERENCE GRANTS

Alberta Gambling Research Institute Just Gambling? Ethical Challenges Pertaining to Gambling Provision, Policy & Research April 6-8, 2017

Pranay Das, University of Manitoba

Responsible Gambling Council Discovery 2017 April 18-20, 2017

Dr. Robert McLeod, University of Manitoba

National Council on Problem Gambling 31st National Conference on Problem Gambling July 21-22, 2017

Ryan Nicholson, University of Manitoba

British Columbia Lottery Corporation New Horizons in Responsible Gambling February 13-15, 2018

Pranay Das, University of Manitoba Ryan Nicholson, University of Manitoba

Alberta Gambling Research Institute Current Issues in Gambling Research April 12-14, 2018

Kylee Clayton, University of Manitoba Dr. Marcia Friesen, University of Manitoba Brenna Henrikson, University of Manitoba Dr. Diane Santesso, University of Winnipeg Michelle Ward, University of Manitoba

VALUE OF FUNDING DECISIONS

The following table presents the total value of funding decision for each year, by category.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Focused Research	\$ 122,076	\$ 195,763	\$ 104,214	\$ 119,436	\$ 130,000	\$0
Conference	\$ 3,966	\$ 15,946	\$ 15,321	\$ 16,996	\$ 5,805	\$ 17,260
Studentship	\$ 75,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 29,200	\$ 5,000
Small	\$ 169,966	\$ 96,839	\$ 63,705	\$ 161,747	\$ 138,211	\$ 285,976
Large	\$ 450,000	\$ 0	\$ 450,000	\$ 849,893	\$ 0	\$ 449,992
Total	\$ 821,008	\$428,548	\$653,240	\$1,168,072	\$303,216	\$758,228

RESEARCH REPORTS & PUBLICATIONS

Please visit our Funded Research webpage for project summaries, preliminary findings, and copies of final reports.

Research published in 2017 (based on preliminary and final results):

- Hudson, A., Gough, K., Yi, S., Stiles, M., Davis, P., MacNevin & Stewart, S. (2017). Examining the Effects of Gambling-Relevant Cues on Gambling Outcome Expectancies. *International Gambling Studies*, 17(2), 236-250. https://doi.org/10.1080/14459795.2017.1324893
- Luo, H. & Ferguson, M. (2017). Gambling Among Culturally Diverse Older Adults: A Systematic Review of Qualitative and Quantitative Data. *International Gambling Studies*, 17(2), 290-316. https://doi.org/10.1080/14459795.2017.1316415
- McLeod, R.D., Friesen, M.R., Edgerton J.D., Fries, C.J. (2017). Mobile Apps for Mental Health:

 Overview and a Social Gaming Framework. *International Journal of Engineering Research and Development*, 13(2), 18-30. https://issuu.com/ijerdjournal/docs/d13211830
- Sanscartier, M.D., Edgerton, J.D. & Roberts, L.W. (2017). A Latent Class Analysis of Gambling Activity Patterns in a Canadian University Sample of Emerging Adults: Socio-demographic, Motivational, and Mental Health Correlates. *Journal of Gambling Studies* (online December 2017). https://doi.org/10.1007/s10899-017-9734-y
- Schlagintweit, H.E., Thompson, K., Goldstein, A.L. & Stewart, S.H. (2017). An Investigation of the Association Between Shame and Problem Gambling: The Mediating Role of Maladaptive Coping Motives. *Journal of Gambling Studies*, 33(4), 1067-1079. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10899-017-9674-6

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A Research Council, consisting of community members and provincial gambling stakeholders, decided which projects to conduct and fund within the program's research priorities.

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2017 PEER REVIEWERS

All proposals and reports are peer reviewed to ensure their relevance and quality. Our success depends on this comprehensive network of professionals, whose knowledge and expertise in responsible gambling and problem gambling research ensures high standards of excellence for the projects that we fund.

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