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14th Conference on Problem Gambling Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, US

October 6-8, 2000

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- Registration deadline: September 29
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Call for Research Project Applications for Ontario, Canada

These notices offer details on a recent request for research applications by the Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre. There are two documents; the first describes the call for applications, and the second details the requirements for the initial Letter of Intent including its August 18, 2000 deadline. Please note that only Canadian residents can apply, and they must conduct the research in Ontario and focus on Ontario residents.

Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre Research Awards Solicitation

The mission of the newly created Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre (the Centre) is to enhance understanding of problem gambling, and strengthen treatment and prevention practices through research. The main goal of the Centre is to support the development of high quality research projects that examine various facets of problem gambling.

To achieve this goal, the Centre is requesting applications from researchers interested in conducting problem gambling research in Ontario. These submissions will be adjudicated, and successful applicants will be invited to submit full research plans in stage two.

Description of Research Projects

In general, the Centre will fund applied research projects that advance knowledge relative to the treatment and prevention of problem gambling. These projects may include:

- Research that advances the basic understanding of gambling behaviour in

general, and problem gambling behaviour in particular.

- The development and testing of specific prevention and/or treatment programs, and piloting such programs for special population groups.
- Treatment programs that focus on new models and methods of improving existing approaches, with comparisons of such methods to existing treatment approaches.
- Explorations of the gambling recovery process with and without formal treatment.
- Development and testing of models of service, gambling behaviours, or new ways of conceptualizing gambling and problem gambling behaviours.

Projects that will not be funded include the social/economic impact of gambling, attitude surveys, needs assessments, and literature reviews. Research projects that involve community collaboration and partnerships will be given priority.

Awards Amount

One-year research awards will be available to a maximum of \$175,000 per project.

Eligibility

To be eligible for support, the applicant must be legally residing in Canada. Researchers throughout Canada are eligible to apply, but work must be conducted within Ontario communities and focus on Ontario residents. Collaboration with Ontario organizations/ researchers is preferred.

Application Deadline

The deadline for receiving Letters of Intent is August 18, 2000. Invitations to submit a complete research plan will be made on or about August 31, 2000.

**Application guides may be requested from:
The Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre
304 Stone Road West, Suite 403
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Toll Free: (877) 882-2204

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NOTE: The Centre reserves the right to modify or discontinue the awards process at its sole discretion.

Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre Guidelines for Letters of Intent

Background

On July 12, 2000 the Ontario Problem Gambling Research Centre (the Centre) issued a research awards solicitation for projects to be initiated in the 2000-01 operating year. Researchers who wish to apply for funding are asked to submit a Letter of Intent that complies with the following guidelines.

Cover Page

The cover page should include:

- The title of the research project
- The name of the Principal Investigator, and (if different) the project Contact Person. Include each person's institutional affiliation, title, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address
- The names, addresses, affiliations, and titles of collaborators or other members of the project team
- Indication of the status (e.g. not for profit, hospital, university) of the institutional affiliation
- Signature of the Principal Investigator and (if different) the project Contact Person.

Second and Subsequent Pages

- Describe the specific aims of the project and what you hope to accomplish
- Briefly explain how this project will extend existing knowledge and make a significant contribution to the field
- Describe the proposed methods and key activities for the project
- Provide a general timetable for the project
- Discuss the qualifications of the principal personnel and affiliated institution(s) to implement the project
- Provide an estimate of the budget for the project, broken into general categories (salaries, operating, other expenses, etc.)

Specifications

- Awards amount: one-year research awards will be available to a maximum of \$175,000 for direct project costs. In addition, up to 20% of direct costs will be available to cover associated indirect costs (e.g. ethics review, legal costs, computer services, library services, etc.)
- Due Date: the deadline for receiving Letters of Intent is Friday, August 18, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time
- Copies: include the original Letter of Intent and three copies
- Layout: use standard letter size paper with a 12 point font, single spaced
- Length: do not exceed five pages, including the cover page
- Ethics: an ethics review will be required before research awards are finalized
- Assistance: contact the Centre by telephone, fax, mail or e-mail if you have questions or would like assistance with the completion of your Letter of Intent
- Selection Process: Letters received by the Centre will be reviewed by its Research Review Committee, and those meeting its standards for scientific merit and relevance will be invited to prepare a detailed research plan for the final round of consideration for funding.

An invitation to prepare a detailed plan is not a guarantee that funding will be granted. Rather, it is an indication that the proposal merits further consideration in a more fully described form

Key Dates

August 18, 2000 deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent

August 31, 2000 notification of review results

October 13, 2000 deadline for receipt of detailed research plans

November 28, 2000 notification of awards

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For the **Calendar of Events** we invite our readers to submit notices of upcoming gambling-related conferences, presentations, symposiums and other educational events, civic events, and media events that are open to the public. We will gladly publish news of events that may occur years in the future.

We ask that these notices be submitted by electronic mail. With each submission we require the e-mail address of someone with whom the editor can verify details about the event. (We understand that this e-mail address may perhaps not be part of the published calendar listing.) We reserve the right to edit each submission for

uniform format, punctuation and grammar.

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