

# GambleAware

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### **GambleAware announces funding for new PhD call**

**London, 14 March:** GambleAware has today announced that it will fund a new PhD project to boost Great Britain's problem gambling research capacity. Funding totalling £60,000 will be provided to the successful applicant over a period of three years.

Projects will be related to GambleAware's aims, objectives and programme themes. These include increased understanding of the effects of product characteristics and environment and developing understanding of specific areas of gambling-related harm.

The deadline for written applications is 31 May 2017 and funding will be in effect from autumn 2017. Anyone interested in applying should visit the GambleAware website at <http://about.gambleaware.org/research/research-projects/> or send any queries by email to [commissioning@gambleaware.org](mailto:commissioning@gambleaware.org).

**Marc Etches, Chief Executive of GambleAware, said:**

"The research capacity for British problem gambling is small, but growing. GambleAware is committed to playing its part in nurturing a diverse research community which is capable of developing knowledge in a wide range of disciplines relevant to problem gambling. GambleAware's aim is to stop people getting into problems with their gambling, and ensure that those that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support. We urge any student who shares these aims to apply for funding and begin a career in gambling research."

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#### **NOTES**

- In 2016, GambleAware funded three new PhD students. All GambleAware-funded PhD theses are available to download on the GambleAware InfoHub: <http://infohub.gambleaware.org/reports/>.

- The Responsible Gambling Trust operating as GambleAware is the leading charity in the UK committed to minimising gambling-related harm. As an independent national charity funded by donations from the gambling industry, GambleAware funds education, prevention and treatment services and commissions research to broaden public understanding of gambling-related harm. The aim is to stop people getting into problems with their gambling, and ensure that those that do develop problems receive fast and effective treatment and support. Click here to find out more: <http://about.gambleaware.org/>
- GambleAware aims to raise a minimum of £10 million each year in voluntary contributions from the gambling industry operating in Great Britain. This donation-based system was proposed under the Gambling Act 2005 and is prescribed by the Gambling Commission in its Licence Conditions and Codes of Practice.
- GambleAware's programme of treatment, education, harm prevention and research are guided by the National Responsible Gambling Strategy, which is defined by the independent Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The RGSB, the Gambling Commission and GambleAware work together under the terms of an agreement in place since 2012: <http://about.gambleaware.org/media/1216/statementofintent.pdf>. Research is conducted under the terms of a 'Research Commissioning and Governance Procedure' agreed in 2016 by the RGSB, the Gambling Commission and GambleAware: <http://about.gambleaware.org/media/1270/research-commissioning-and-governance-procedure-may-2016-final.pdf>.
- GambleAware is a commissioning body and trustees are committed to keeping commissioning costs and general overheads to no more than 10% of income.
- The Responsible Gambling Strategy Board was set up in late 2008 to advise the Gambling Commission and, in turn, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, on research, education and treatment programmes needed to support a national responsible gambling strategy and associated funding requirements.
- The Gambling Commission regulates gambling in the public interest alongside licensing authorities. It does so by keeping crime out of gambling, by ensuring that gambling is conducted fairly and openly, and by protecting children and vulnerable people from being harmed or exploited by gambling. The Commission also provides independent advice to government on gambling in Britain. It's advice on RET funding is here: <http://www.gamblingcommission.gov.uk/for-gambling-businesses/Compliance/General-compliance/Social-responsibility/Research-education-and-treatment-contributions.aspx>