

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### GambleAware issues 2021/22 PhD Grant Award call for institutional applications

**London, 03 August 2021:** GambleAware has opened the call for applications from universities and other research institutions in Great Britain to fund three-year PhD studentships.

GambleAware is offering a total of six studentships grants for 2021/22 and each institution may apply for no more than two PhD studentship grants to award on to selected PhD students.

The grants will be awarded to institutions with a track record of supportive and impactful PhD programmes, as well as evidence of producing research in GambleAware's priority areas for these grant awards, which are:

- Research on the lived experience of communities impacted by gambling harms
- Research on women, minority communities, young people and their relationships with gambling and gambling harms
- Research on other communities with protected characteristics, including those in the military, those living with disabilities, minority sexualities and gender identities, and their relationships with gambling and gambling harms.

PhD grant awards will support GambleAware's ambition to build knowledge of the lived experience of gambling harms. The grants are also reflective of GambleAware's ongoing commitment to achieve a society where everyone is safe from gambling harm.

**Alison Clare, Research Director (Interim) at GambleAware said:** *"This PhD grant award will go direct to universities and will help build a detailed knowledge of the experience of gambling harm within specific communities. It will also provide a unique opportunity for PhD students, who are at the start of their careers, to develop an expertise in an emerging field. They will have the chance to complete a thorough, in-depth piece of research over several years which will contribute to building the knowledge and evidence of lived experiences of gambling harms."*

Institutions interested in applying can view all details about the opportunity in the call for applications [here](#). The final deadline is **5pm on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. Applicants can email [research@gambleaware.org](mailto:research@gambleaware.org) to find out more.

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### About GambleAware

- GambleAware is an independent charity (Charity No. England & Wales 1093910, Scotland SC049433) that champions a public health approach to preventing gambling harms – see <https://www.begambleaware.org/>
- GambleAware is a commissioner of integrated prevention, education and treatment services on a national scale, with over £40 million of grant funding under active management. In partnership with gambling treatment providers, GambleAware has spent several years methodically building structures for commissioning a coherent system of brief intervention and treatment services, with clearly defined care pathways and established referral routes to and from the NHS – a National Gambling Treatment Service.
- The National Gambling Treatment Service brings together a National Gambling Helpline and a network of locally-based providers across Great Britain that works with partner agencies and people with lived experience to design and deliver a system, which meets the needs of individuals. This system delivers a range of treatment services, including brief intervention, counselling (delivered either face-to-face or online), residential programmes and psychiatrist-led care.
- GambleAware produces public health campaigns including Bet Regret. A Safer Gambling Board, including representatives from Public Health England, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and GambleAware, is responsible for the design and delivery of a campaign based on best practice in public health education. The Bet Regret campaign is being funded through specific, additional donations to the charity, in line with a commitment given to the government by the broadcasting, advertising and gambling industries. See <https://about.gambleaware.org/prevention/safer-gambling-campaign/>.