

## **National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) Research Grant**

### **1 Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants: Applicants of the Grant have to be full-time students pursuing an Honours/Masters/PhD degree (or an equivalent degree) in a local university (i.e. NTU, NUS, SMU).

Nature of Thesis: The thesis should be an original empirical research examining issues directly related to problem gambling (e.g. gambling behaviours and mindsets, risk/protective factors, prevention, treatment, impact, costs). There is no restriction on the methodology of the research. Examples of the research design may include true experiment, quasi-experiment, and correlational survey/questionnaire. The topic and methodology of the thesis research proposal have to be approved by the student's thesis supervisor (who must be a faculty member of the local university) and have received approval from the relevant Institutional Review Board or committee on human subjects in the university/department.

### **2 Grant Amount**

Successful applicants will get reimbursement of direct expenses incurred on the research study up to maximum of \$1,000 for Honours or equivalent degree students.

Reimbursement of expenses incurred on the research study up to maximum of \$2,000 for Masters/PhD or equivalent students.

### **3 Disbursement of Grant**

All approved theses will get a one time reimbursement after receipt of the entire completed thesis (identical to the copy submitted to the University for grading) and a concise summary (approximately 4000 words) of the thesis by NCPG. Students are also to submit a statement of costs incurred, endorsed by their supervisor, and all relevant official receipts.

### **4 Award for Best Research**

In addition to the grant amount, all successful applicants will be automatically eligible to compete for the Most Outstanding Research Award. This Award will be a cash award of \$1000 and it will be given out each application year to the most outstanding thesis (among the approved and completed theses submitted) as judged by the NCPG Research sub-committee. No cash award will be given if there is no deserving thesis. The Award will be given out about one month from the receipt of all completed theses.

### **5 Applications**

Applications are open all year round.

Students are to submit their applications with their supervisor's endorsement (see appended application form) to the NCPG Research Sub-committee, c/o secretariat.

Successful applicants will be notified within 2 months of receipt of their application.

## **6 Evaluation Mechanism and Criteria**

Applications will be evaluated by a Panel comprising MCYS and the NCPG Research Sub-committee. Chairman (NCPG Research Sub-committee) will chair the Panel.

Applications will be evaluated according to whether:

- a) the proposed study is within the scope for funding and addresses a priority research gap in issues related to problem gambling, and
- b) the proposed study is likely to generate new knowledge and findings with practical implications related to issues of problem gambling.

## **7 Conditions of Award**

Successful applicants should submit a copy of the entire completed thesis and a concise summary (approximately 4000 words) of the thesis to NCPG no later than two weeks from the date they submitted the completed thesis to the University for grading.

The copy of thesis submitted to NCPG must be identical to the copy submitted to the University.

The NCPG and MCYS will be allowed to reproduce or report the summary and parts of the thesis on their websites, annual reports, newsletters, and any other document or medium for the purpose of informing the Government or public on the study findings. In all these publications, the authorship of the thesis will be clearly attributed to the student. Successful applicants should also be prepared to present their findings at relevant platforms.

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Application Form**

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| Name:   |
| Name of University:   |
| Department:   |
| Course of Study:  |
| Details of thesis (e.g. title, research questions, hypotheses, methodology, relevance to problem gambling):<br>* please attach additional pages if necessary  |
| Projected Cost of Research (please provide breakdown, e.g. printing of questionnaire, photostating, etc.):<br>* please attach additional pages if necessary   |
| Endorsement of Supervisor:  |
| Please send this application form to:<br>c/o NCPG Secretariat<br>Ms Naseera Banu<br>Executive, NCPG Secretariat<br>Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports<br>512 Thomson Road, #04-00<br>MCYS Building<br>Singapore 298135 |