

## NAGS scholarships and grants guide

### Types of grants and scholarship available in 2024

During 2024, three types of grants/scholarships are offered by NAGS:

- (1) Research grants (\$7,500)
- (2) Student conference scholarships (to present at the NAGS conference) (\$2,500)
- (3) Conference attendance scholarships (to attend the NAGS conference) (\$500 x5)

For all grants and scholarships

- Applicants must be financial members of NAGS
- Applications will be reviewed by the NAGS Scientific Committee
- Expenses associated with the award must be acquitted in a short expense report.
- Any gaps between recipient expenses and the grants/scholarships must be funded by the successful recipients.
- NAGS may select to not award the grants/scholarships or award multiple grants/scholarships in each category, if it chooses, depending on the quality of projects or applicants in a given year.
- Applications must be submitted **online** at [nagsgrants@nags.org.au](mailto:nagsgrants@nags.org.au)

### Deadline for applications

The deadline for applications for grants/scholarships in 2024 is:

**September 1, 2024**

### (1) Research grants

The Association is offering up to \$7,500 to support a gambling or gambling related research project.

The Association reserves the right not to award an Annual Research Grant in any particular year. At the same time, several applications may be funded in any single year, so long as the total amount of all awards does not exceed \$7,500.

The Annual Research Grant scheme is to provide new researchers or new research ideas to be investigated. It is not intended the grant will be used to support or "top up" other research funding. The grant is not to be used as seeding funds for a larger study.

Only research will be considered for funding. A grant will not be awarded for any other purpose, for example clinical treatment, sabbatical, office infrastructure, however it may be used to support a student to present their research at an international conference.

Requirements are that:

- The research must relate to gambling harm-minimisation or a related topic.
- Applicants can be either organisations or individuals.
- The researcher retains intellectual property developed in the research
- NAGS reserves the right to use the intellectual property without cost.
- Projects must be completed in 12 months.
- A one page progress update will be produced half-way through the research.
- A final report will be provided by 1 November of the year following the award.
- The recipient will present findings at the next NAGS Annual Conference for which Conference Registration will be waived.
- A return economy airfare to attend the Conference must be budgeted within the grant (if needed to travel to the conference).
- NAGS support of the research must be acknowledged on any publications, along with a disclaimer that views expressed are not necessarily those of NAGS.
- Research must have ethics approval from a Human Research Ethics Committee.
- If desktop research (e.g., literature reviews) are the topic of the application, the reviews must add new ideas, theories or thinking around the topic researched (e.g., systematic reviews, meta-analyses, new theories etc.).

## **(2) Student conference scholarships**

Student conference scholarships provide \$2,500 to encourage students completing a research study in gambling (or related fields such as gaming, if the relevance to gambling can be established) to present their study findings at the annual NAGS conference.

The scholarship is to cover all expenses associated with travel and attendance at the NAGS conference. If conference travel and accommodation costs exceed the scholarship amount, the gap is to be funded by the student.

Requirements are that:

- The research must relate to gambling harm-minimisation or a related topic.
- Applicants must be students at a university completing an Honours, Masters or PhD involving a topic of relevance to gambling research.
- The recipient will present findings at the NAGS Annual Conference for which Conference Registration will be waived (a 20-minute conference slide presentation).
- The supervisor of the research may be contacted to verify that the applicant is enrolled in a thesis at the university.

### **(3) Conference attendance scholarship**

NAGS offers applicants the opportunity to apply for a scholarship towards the cost of attending the NAGS conference. This year there are (5) \$500 scholarships available and are open to any applicant, who is interested in attending the conference for professional development and learning.

Requirements are that:

- Applicants must demonstrate that their attendance at the conference will contribute to improving their knowledge of gambling harm in their field of study or work.
- Applicants can include Honours/Masters/PhD students completing a research thesis on gambling or a field relevant to gambling, clinicians working in treatment of gambling harm, people with Lived Experience of gambling harm, public health workers, workers with a role in gambling harm-minimisation and similar backgrounds.

The aim:

- is to encourage applicants to continue their research in the field of gambling and gambling related issues by enabling them to meet with colleagues, hear about new research, and have a chance to discuss their own research with an audience of experts in the field at the Annual Conference.

All applications for all grants will be assessed by the National Committee or a sub-committee thereof and will be based on merit.

The Committee's decision will be final, and no discussion will be entered into, or appeal heard.