

## **CALL FOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The UNLV International Center for Gaming Regulation (ICGR) is offering up to two 6-month non-resident fellowships to support impactful research on important gambling regulatory issues. These fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis via a peer review process outlined below.

### **TOPICS**

Submissions are welcomed on any topic of current interest to the global gambling regulatory community. We encourage submissions to engage topics that will be of immediate value to policy makers and regulators as they make key decisions in all areas of gambling regulation. Our current topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- The role of technology in modernizing gambling regulation.
- Assessing the techniques and needs for training and educational programs for regulatory agencies.
- Understanding the impact to consumers of gambling products with the aim to improve gambling regulation.
- Evaluating the financial and other effects of regulation on the gambling industry.

### **TIMELINE**

Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis, with a final deadline for this cycle of **September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Early submissions are encouraged. It is expected that the fellowship position will commence on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 and end on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

### **DELIVERABLES**

It is expected that a white paper will result from each of the fellowship projects, though other deliverables (e.g., academic journal publications, conference presentations, or policy advocacy for best practices) are also welcome.

### **EXECUTION**

The fellowship is not a UNLV resident position. Therefore, successful applicants are not required to base themselves in Las Vegas for any portion or the entirety of the research project. Depending on the location of the successful applicant(s), it may be a requirement of the fellowship to participate in video conferences with stakeholders in order to disseminate the research results.

## FUNDING

Applicants may request up to **\$20,000 USD (gross)** for a period not to exceed 6 months. Indirect costs (such as facilities and administration) are allowed, but the full project budget may not exceed this \$20,000 USD limit. The funds for research are distributed in accordance with the ICGR's research funding policy, which can be found using the following link: <https://www.unlv.edu/icgr/policies/funding>.

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Applicants may be domestic or international, and may apply without an affiliation with a public, private, governmental, or non-profit entity.

## REVIEW PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Proposals will be reviewed by members of the ICGR's Academic Council. The decision of the Executive Director, after review by members of the said Council, will be final. Submissions will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

1. **Significance and Impact:** submissions should emphasize how the project can effect positive change in gambling regulatory environments and can be of use to current regulators around the world. Innovative solutions that create new and useful knowledge are particularly encouraged. Consultation with relevant gambling and other regulatory bodies is also encouraged.
2. **Research Plan and Rigor:** submissions should emphasize how the project will be executed, including a detailed strategy on any research methodology, timelines, research plan, and deliverables.
3. **Personnel:** person(s) applying should describe the appropriate and relevant experience that will serve this project well.
4. **Budget:** it is anticipated that in most cases, personnel costs for the fellow(s) will constitute the majority of these budgets, unless there exists a compelling reason to spend funds in a different fashion. All budgets should be reasonable with regard to the proposed research plan and should be set out in as much detail as possible, preferably linking the various phases and deliverables of the project to the budget.
5. **Institutional Support and Capacity:** while not required, as single, unaffiliated applicants are welcome to submit, institutional support (in the form of administrative assistance, facilities, or other resources) will be considered when applicable.
6. **Human Subjects Research:** should any primary research be conducted with human subjects (including both exempt and full review formats), submissions should outline how human subject reviews will be undertaken with an appropriate institutional review board. Detail on UNLV requirements for human subjects research is available at <https://www.unlv.edu/research/ORI-HSR>

## SUBMISSIONS

Submissions should be limited to no more than **ten pages** (excluding appendices), double spaced, 12-point font, and should be addressed to The Executive Director, International Center for Gaming Regulation at [icgr@unlv.edu](mailto:icgr@unlv.edu) using the email subject heading "Research Fellowship Application". Applications received after **September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018** will not be considered.