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Responsible Gambling Trust announces funding for new PhD students

The Responsible Gambling Trust has today announced that it will fund two new PhD projects to boost the UK's problem gambling research capacity. Funding totalling £120,000 will be provided to the two successful applicants over a total period of three years.

Projects will be related to RGT's aims, objectives and programme themes. These include young people, vulnerable populations, effective treatment provision, the meaning of gambling-related harm and gambling advertising. RGT wishes to support the growth of the British problem gambling research capacity in a range of relevant academic disciplines ranging from neurology to social marketing studies.

The deadline for written applications is 31 March 2016 and funding will be in effect from autumn 2016. Anyone interested in applying for funding should visit the RGT website at www.responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk/research or send any queries by email to phd@responsiblegamblingtrust.org.uk.

Marc Etches, Chief Executive of the Responsible Gambling Trust, said:

"The research capacity for British problem gambling is small, but growing. RGT 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. RGT'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'd urge any student who shares these aims to apply for funding and begin a career in gambling research."

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NOTES TO EDITORS

- The Responsible Gambling Trust 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, the Responsible Gambling Trust 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.
- The Responsible Gambling Trust raises a minimum of £5 million each year from the gambling industry operating in Britain within a voluntary (donation based) system and funds research, education, prevention and treatment services. Funding priorities are guided by the national strategy advised by the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board (RGSB) and endorsed by the Gambling Commission. The latest strategy was published in December 2012.