



Advancing the Science of Responsible Gambling

2025 Research Highlights

In 2025, the International Center for Responsible Gaming (ICRG) supported an ambitious and diverse portfolio of research to strengthen prevention, treatment, and responsible gambling practices worldwide. Across Centers of Excellence, Large Grants, Seed Grants, and Dissertation Awards, ICRG funded work spanning behavioral science, public health, neuroscience, policy evaluation, and emerging technologies.

2025 Funding at a Glance

- 15 new research projects funded
- Over \$2.2 million invested in independent, peer-reviewed research
- Projects led by investigators across North America, Europe, and Australia
- Research addressing the full continuum, from early prevention and workforce training to treatment innovation and policy evaluation

Key Research Themes Supported in 2025

- Responsible gambling design and messaging, including social norms, co-designed messages with people who gamble, and future-oriented interventions
- Workforce capacity and training, with a focus on gaming employees, mental health competency, and culturally grounded approaches in Tribal gaming environments
- Mental health and comorbidity, examining how gambling disorder intersects with depression, anxiety, addiction, and recovery outcomes across the life course
- Technology and innovation, including artificial intelligence, ethical data donation, and digital exposure to gambling and lottery marketing
- Policy-relevant research, addressing issues such as sports betting expansion, bankruptcy risk, marketing regulation, and environmental gambling cues

With Gratitude to our Research Supporters

Several 2025 projects were made possible through targeted contributions from industry partners, including FanDuel, MGM Resorts International, Bally's Corporation, Hard Rock International and Seminole Gaming, DraftKings, and others. Their support advanced research on responsible gambling tools, employee training, AI-enabled interventions, and public health-oriented messaging.

We are equally grateful to all ICRG donors, whose collective contributions fund independent science that informs policy, strengthens treatment systems, and supports safer gambling environments globally. Every contribution, whether directed or general, plays a role in advancing evidence-based solutions.