University of Sydney Gambling Treatment Clinic and Responsible Gambling Research Group – Internship opportunity and student exchange

The University of Sydney Gambling Treatment Clinic (GTC) and Responsible Gambling Research Group is pleased to present an internship program for early career researchers interested in learning about gambling and gaining research and clinical experience.

Placements will be available in 2017 for early career researchers to spend six months working at the University of Sydney within the GTC. The successful applicants will be supervised by GTC researchers, be involved in research projects, clinically relevant tasks and gain exposure to the practice of clinical psychology, within a supportive learning environment. You would contribute to existing projects as well as have an opportunity to develop a new project to expand your own area of interest and expertise under the guidance of world leading researchers. You would be involved in aspects of research and clinical work and have the opportunity to apply for research funding and contribute to peer-review publications.

This highly valuable experience would greatly enhance your track record and likely increase success in future applications for higher research degrees, scholarships and awards, and research funding. Our aim is to provide the most promising early career researchers with experience that would aid in developing an independent research career. The goal of the program is to increase the number of well-trained professionals who pursue careers in gambling research.

Eligibility and Conditions

Applicants must have a minimum of a 4-year undergraduate degree in psychology, which includes a significant independent research project and training in statistics. Applicants may be currently enrolled in a Masters or PhD program, or intending to enrol in a postgraduate program and seeking further research and clinical experience. The successful applicant must be able to travel to Sydney in 2017 where they will be based for the duration of the placement. We welcome applications from Australia or international candidates with a track record of high impact research, an accelerating research trajectory, and a commitment to advancing the gambling research field.

Note – direct clinical experience is only possible for those currently enrolled in a clinical program with appropriate provisional registration.

Preparing an Application

Applicants should submit a cover letter outlining why you would like to apply for the position and preferred timing, a CV and a brief research proposal outlining a proposed independent research project.

Deadline

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. However, there is a limited number of placements available for 2017.

Contact

For further information please contact either Professor Alex Blaszczynski, GTC Director (alex.blaszczynski@sydney.edu.au), or Dr. Sally Gainsbury, GTC Deputy Director (sally.gainsbury@sydney.edu.au).
About the University of Sydney Gambling Treatment Clinic and Research Group

The successful applicant will travel to Sydney, an internationally renowned city listed in the top ten “most liveable cities” based on highest quality of living. The University of Sydney is ranked in the top 100 universities globally and the School of Psychology is the oldest in Australia. This initiative is part of the University’s Strategic Plan to invest in outstanding research, ensure our work has international impact and develop strategic international alliances. Research that emanates from the School is internationally recognised and includes a diverse range of topics with access to many resources, including latest technology.

The GTC is located within a state-of-the-art building officially opened in 2016. The GTC provides treatment for gamblers and family members and the research group conducts world leading research to inform the understanding of gambling and minimise gambling-related harms. The GTC Director, Professor Alex Blaszczynski, is widely recognised as a world leading gambling research expert. He is the recipient of the National Centre for Responsible Gambling Senior Investigator Research Award and his research, including the conceptual Pathways Model, has had a highly significant impact on the field. The Deputy Director, Dr. Sally Gainsbury, is the recipient of an Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Researcher Award, the 2015 Southern Cross University Vice Chancellor Award for Excellence in Early to Mid-Career Research and 2014 Australian Psychological Society Early Career Researcher Award.

GTC team members are frequently invited to give keynote presentations at conferences internationally and are highly successful in securing external grant funding. They have contributed to gambling policies in Australia and internationally and published extensively. Professor Blaszczynski and Dr. Gainsbury are the Editor in Chief and Editor of the leading academic journal International Gambling Studies.

Research priorities include:

- Policies and strategies to minimise gambling-related harms (e.g., warning messages and information displays, self-exclusion)
- The impact of Internet technology on harm
- Optimal treatment methods for gambling problems
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Application form for: 2017

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2. Project title

A research plan is included in the application?: Yes / No

3. Proposed dates and duration of internship

| Dates: | Duration (weeks): |

Note: Usually the visit will be made within 2 months of the application outcome. The exact dates may be flexible within this window.

Please attach the following

- Description of the research plan
- CV