

**Postdoctoral Fellowship  
Center for Gambling Studies, Rutgers University**

Gambling opportunities continue to expand at an alarming rate. The advent of interactive gambling, both online and on mobile phones, has transformed betting into a 24/7 activity that is both acceptable and universally accessible. Studies have demonstrated an additive effect of gambling, leading to gambling problems: The more often you gamble, the more places you gamble, and the more activities you play, the more likely you are to develop a problem. The cross-over between gambling (betting money to play) and gaming (playing games online) is increasingly vague, as younger gamers are attracted to spend money on e-sports, loot boxes, skins and other gambling-type activities. This, in turn, increases the risk of problem gambling and gaming behaviors developing at a younger age.

The Center for Gambling Studies (CGS) at the Rutgers University School of Social Work is on the cutting edge of research into interactive forms of gambling and related harms as well as the development of prevention, education, screening and treatment strategies for those affected by gambling disorder. We are seeking a postdoctoral fellow to collaborate on research projects, including player evaluation of Internet and sports wagering data, developing prevention and screening interventions across service systems impacted by problem gambling, and the intersect between gambling and video gaming. The postdoctoral scholar will be mentored by Drs. Lia Nower and Wen Li (Vivian) Anthony of the CGS who specialize in gambling and gaming.

The training plan includes the opportunity to participate in all phases of research development and execution, from grant and report writing, to measurement design, study implementation, data analysis and dissemination. Scholars with a direct interest in current project areas, as well as those who want to build on our work through mentored, self-initiated projects, are encouraged to apply. The CGS has expertise on staff in both clinical training and treatment as well as policymaking, and we would welcome scholars with interest across micro-mezzo-macro levels. The CGS also has pilot funding available in specific project areas.

The ideal candidate for this postdoctoral position will have strong quantitative, methodological, and writing skills, and a desire to work collaboratively as part of a productive team. We seek someone with a desire to publish scholarly articles in high quality journals and to develop innovative and forward-thinking research ideas that build on areas of mutual interest.

Prior work in the etiology and treatment substance use disorders would be a strength. The successful candidate should have a background in social work, psychology, public health, sociology, public policy, or a related field and a basic understanding of gambling disorder and comorbid conditions. Experience in analyzing large data sets, computer programming including AI and multi-level modeling would be a plus but not required. Candidates from groups underrepresented in higher education are strongly encouraged to apply to be a part of our supportive and dynamic community of scholars.

Rutgers University is a major research institution and our faculty enjoy significant research ties with numerous, nationally known, university centers and institutes. Rutgers is a member of the Association of American Universities, a federation of 62 leading research universities in the United States and Canada, and of the BTAA (Big Ten Academic Alliance) an academic

consortium of Big 10 universities that collectively engage in over 8.4 billion dollars in funded research each year. The Rutgers School of Social Work's externally funded portfolio exceeds 31 million dollars, with some 13 million in yearly expenditures. The School of Social Work is a collegial, productive and motivated faculty. A recent analysis using Academic Analytics found the Rutgers Social Work PhD faculty to be the third most productive in publications, citations, and research among social work faculty in the United States. New Jersey is one of the most diverse states, and Rutgers one of the most diverse student bodies, in the country. The school is deeply committed to principles of diversity and actively encourages applications from groups underrepresented in higher education. The school's commitment extends beyond simply increasing diversity in the faculty pipeline, to include broad faculty support for a strong set of mentoring and retention efforts aimed at launching and supporting the development of successful research careers.

To apply, please submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, writing sample, and contact information for three letters of reference sent to Dr. Lia Nower ([lnower@rutgers.edu](mailto:lnower@rutgers.edu)). Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. The appointment period of two years (renewable after one) will begin July.