The NCRG Firewall: Ensuring the Integrity of NCRG Research

**Gaming Industry**
The NCRG’s funders — mostly gaming companies and suppliers — make contributions to the NCRG.

**National Center for Responsible Gaming**
The NCRG keeps a portion of the funds for education and outreach initiatives, while the bulk of the funds are distributed to research projects as directed by the independent Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) and peer-review panels.

**SAB and Peer-Review Panels**
Researchers interested in obtaining funding submit proposals through the NCRG’s competitive grant-making process. This process is overseen by the SAB, an independent committee of some of the field’s leading experts. A peer-review panel is assembled to evaluate the proposals, based on criteria used by the National Institutes of Health. The Scientific Advisory Board makes final funding decisions.

**NCRG Centers of Excellence**
Using substantial research grants awarded by the NCRG, the NCRG Centers of Excellence in Gambling Research conduct seminal, long-range research on gambling disorder.

**NCRG Project Grants**
The NCRG also awards grants to researchers from around the world for individual research projects on gambling disorder.

**Peer-reviewed Scientific Journals**
After the research has been completed, the investigator submits a report on the project and its findings to independent, peer-reviewed journals. NCRG-funded studies have resulted in the publication of more than 325 articles in such journals. The NCRG board and its funders learn about the research findings after they have been published.