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## NEWS RELEASE

### **Gambling Regulator Launches Studentship Program**

The Manitoba Gaming Control Commission (MGCC) announced today that is accepting applications for a new studentship program. The program will provide up to \$10,000 in financial support to masters and doctoral students who are conducting gambling research at universities in the province.

In announcing the studentship program, MGCC research analyst Kristianne Dechant stressed the need for innovative gambling research in the province. As Dechant noted, "We need an accurate and complete picture of gambling in Manitoba to make responsible policy and regulatory decisions, but most current gambling research is coming from other provinces. Encouraging graduate students to get involved in gambling research is part of the MGCC's strategy for building research capacity in the province. In the long term, we hope that additional research will lead to more effective prevention of gambling-related harm."

The first round of MGCC graduate studentships will be awarded in January 2009 and applications for this round are due November 1, 2008. For more information, including the studentship guidelines and application form, please visit [www.mgcc.mb.ca/studentship.html](http://www.mgcc.mb.ca/studentship.html).

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