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We asked Erin some questions about what drew her to the gambling field, the research she hopes to accomplish at RGC and any new areas of research she's interested in.

## Get to know Erin Near

### Q. What drew you to the gambling field?

A: What drew me to the gambling field is the prominent overlap between responsible gambling and public health. I am looking forward to the opportunity to bring a comprehensive public health perspective to support responsible gambling.

### Q. What kind of research do you hope to accomplish at RGC?

A: I hope to positively contribute to the effective development and implementation of various responsible gambling projects, evidence-based cross-jurisdictional, literature, and evidence reviews to inform projects and policies to support safer gambling practices globally.

### Q. Are there new research areas that you're interested?

A: Gambling in general is a new research area for me but some specific areas that I am interested in learning more about are responsible sports betting, digital well-being and online gambling, harm minimization, and the relationships between social determinants of health and responsible gambling.