

## WADA-Funded Social Science Research Projects for 2024

Principal Investigator	Research Institution	Country (Countries Researched)	Project Title	Project Synopsis	Sports Covered by Research	Approved Allocations
<b>Tier 1 Project</b>						
Ornella Corazza	University of Trento (Italy)	Panama	Protective Factors Against Doping in Elite Sport in the Pan-RADO region: An Investigation of Self-Compassion and Mindfulness	A cross-sectional survey design and recruit a large sample of elite athletes (1500) from the said countries. The survey will include a number of validated screening tools in Spanish about self-compassion, mindfulness, sport anxiety, perfectionism, and doping susceptibility. Participants will also be invited to take part in a podcast series and to share their insights and experiences on doping in sport. In order to contribute towards more informed decision-making playing a crucial role in the prevention of doping behavior in the PAN-RADO Region, while focusing on a positive psychology approach emphasizing the role of mindfulness and self-compassion.	All Sports	USD 20,000
<b>Tier 2 Projects</b>						
Matthew Dunn	Deakin University (Australia)	Australia Sweden United Kingdom	Performance and Image Enhancing Drug Use Among Women: Investigating the Role Support Personnel Have in Facilitating or Preventing use	A qualitative approach and informed by a co-design process with national anti-doping and sporting organizations. This project seeks to interview women in three countries to 1) investigate the role of support personnel (e.g., coaches, trainers, partners) in facilitating or preventing PIED use, and 2) to understand the broader psycho-socio-cultural factors that contribute to facilitating or preventing PIED use among female athletes. Investigating when, why, and how women choose to use or avoid PIEDs this project will gain important insights on women's lived experiences with PIEDs.	Team & Individual Sports	USD 66,000

Patricia Jackman	University of Lincoln (United Kingdom)	United Kingdom	Acting on Doping: An Empirical Investigation of Protective Factors Against Doping Vulnerability	The proposed project will identify and characterize sport-specific stressors contributing to doping vulnerability among athletes, to include exploring their impact, frequency, severity, timing, and duration. Additionally, it seeks to investigate how psychological flexibility moderates the relationship between these stressors and doping vulnerability, thereby protecting athletes from doping.	Team & Individual Sports	USD 39,000
<b>Tier 3 Projects</b>						
Michelle Ho	National University of Singapore (Singapore)	Singapore	Keeping Sports Clean? Understanding Doping and Behaviors Among Student Athletes in Singapore	This project investigates the beliefs, attitudes, and awareness of doping among student-athletes in Singapore. A mixed methodologies of quantitative online surveys and qualitative interviews, focusing on student-athletes attending the National University of Singapore (NUS). In hopes to offer insight into Singapore student-athletes' doping vulnerability, experience of the anti-doping system, and the factors shaping these aspects. Additionally, shedding light on non-sport influences on substance use among young people in larger society and how these influences might indirectly affect student-athletes' doping attitudes in sport.	All Sports	USD 20,000
Paro Mishra	Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi (India)	India	Evaluating National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India's Anti-Doping Education Awareness Interventions: A Mixed Methods Study	The proposed objectives will be achieved through a mixed-methods approach delineating action-oriented research. The mixed methods approach will be crucial to understanding the sports person's experience with NADA's anti-doping educational awareness interventions and, thereby, the measures to improve them.	All Sports	USD 20,000
Rowena Naidoo	University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)	64 countries (National Federations)	The Development of an Anti-Doping Education Framework for the World ParaVolley Association	<p>The aim of the project is to develop an anti-doping education framework for the World ParaVolley Association (WPV)</p> <p>For a complete list of National Federations involved, refer to <a href="#">World ParaVolley's membership</a>.</p>	ParaVolley	USD 20,000