

BORN Data Access Grant

The Association of Ontario Midwives (AOM) has received funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to support midwife-led research in Ontario. The BORN Data Access supports the creation of a body of literature which focuses on and supports the midwifery approach to care.

The AOM is committed to inclusive and equitable funding practices as part of its commitments to the restoration and renewal of Indigenous midwifery and the advancement of racial equity in the profession. We welcome and encourage applications from individuals who reflect the broad diversity of our community including Indigenous, Black and racialized midwives and midwifery students.

The maximum award is \$5,000.

Theme for 2022 'Sustainability'

We are seeking proposals from midwifery researchers that engage the theme of *sustainability*.

Research inquiries that articulate the potential to impact one or more of these elements identified below will be considered for funding:

- The **funding model** (TPA-MPG agreement)
- The **model of midwifery care** (continuity of care, informed choice, choice of birthplace)
- **Power and privilege** including bullying, racism and/or colonialism in the profession
- Intra-professional structure and function within **MPGs**
- **Interprofessional relationships**, attitudes, opportunities and barriers
- Health **system barriers** incl. scope of practice restrictions, lack of hospital integration
- Midwife leadership
- Midwives' **mental health** and wellbeing

Eligible Projects

The purpose of this grant is to foster research by mitigating the high cost of access to the BORN Ontario data set. Funded projects are 24-month (non-renewable) grants.

You may re-apply for the same research project if you have received notification that your previous application was not successful. Multiple applications by the same applicant may be submitted for each grant stream.

Funding Period

The funding period is January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025. Grant recipients will be asked to present interim findings to the AOM in early 2024 to support ongoing work on midwifery sustainability.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants of the BORN Data Access Grant must be a registered midwife, student midwife or Aboriginal midwife working under the exemption clause *and be either*

1. **Mentored:** Currently enrolled in a master's or PhD program or within five years of completing a master's or PhD. Trainees must work under the supervision of a mentor (an individual who is autonomous regarding their research activities and has an academic or research appointment), who has experience with the analysis of BORN data and/or expertise in biostatistics or statistical science. You can find more information about finding a mentor [here](#).
2. **Career:** A faculty member at an Ontario-based educational institute (university, college of Indigenous education institute) who has experience with the analysis of BORN data and/or expertise in biostatistics or statistical science.

Notice of Intent

To apply for the BORN Data Access Grant, applicants must first submit a [Notice of Intent to Apply \(NOI\)](#) by **September 26, 2022 at 11:59 pm**. The NOI is a mandatory step in the application process. Applicants must then submit the full application by the deadline date.

Application Process

Please take the time to read the application and instructions carefully. The application deadline is **October 26, 2022 at 11:59 pm**. It is your responsibility to ensure that the application and all supporting documentation are submitted on time. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Please submit your completed application by email to researchgrants@aom.on.ca

Peer Review

Grants will be awarded following peer review by members of the AOM's [Midwifery Research Work Group](#) (MRWG) and external peer reviewers. The AOM takes every effort to ensure that the Peer Review Committee represents the diversity of midwives working in Ontario.

External peer reviewers are invited to participate from across Canada and internationally and may not be familiar with specifics of Ontario midwifery. To facilitate a fulsome peer review, please avoid the use of acronyms and describe any Ontario-specific programs (e.g., EMCMS, IMPs).

Assessment Criteria

Grants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Engagement with and relevance to one or more of the ‘sustainability’ themes
- Relevance to the AOM’s strategic goals
- Impact of the research to increase Indigenous sovereignty, racial justice and/or health equity
- Involvement and engagement of communities impacted by the research
- Appropriateness of the research methodology, timeline and budget

In awarding funding, the Peer Review Committee strives to support a diversity of projects, institutional affiliations, research teams, and midwifery voices.

Mentored Applicants: Instructions for Submission:

1. [Application and Budget form](#)
2. [Mentored Research proposal](#) (*maximum of 5 pages; additional pages will not be accepted*)
 - References including any tables, charts, figures and graphs may be submitted as an appendix to the research proposal beyond the 5-page limit.
 - Formatting requirements:
 - Document type .doc or .docx
 - 12-point Times New Roman font
 - Single spaced, minimum 2 cm margins
 - File naming instructions: **BORN_DataAccess_GrantProposal_YOUR NAME**
3. Applicant and Mentor’s CVs, submitted as one combined PDF

Career Applicants: Instructions for Submission:

1. [Application and Budget form](#)
2. [Investigator Contributions Letter](#) (*250 word maximum*)
3. [Career Research proposal](#) (*maximum of 5 pages; additional pages will not be accepted*)
 - References including any tables, charts, figures, and graphs may be submitted as an appendix to the research proposal beyond the 5-page limit.
 - Formatting requirements:
 - Document type .doc or .docx
 - 12-point Times New Roman font
 - Single spaced, minimum 2 cm margins
 - File naming instructions: **BORN_DataAccess_GrantProposal_YOUR NAME**
4. Principal Investigator and all other investigators CVs as one combined PDF

Mentored Research Proposal

Summarize your proposed research plan according to the headings below. Your entire research proposal must not exceed a total of **5 pages as stipulated** and must contain:

- **Introduction**
- **Objectives**
- **Relevance to midwifery**
- **Methodology** (*Provide an overview of the dataset that will be used including the key population, dates, and outcomes; the statistical and analysis plan; the data management plan (mechanisms for ensuring data is kept secure, confidential, and protected); and please outline how you will obtain ethics approval*)
- **Timeline** (*Demonstrate how you will complete this project within 24 months of receiving funding approval*)
- **Importance of the proposed research and expected results** (*Describe the expected outcomes highlighting the significance of the research and how it will advance knowledge related to the sustainability of midwifery. Please describe plans for knowledge translation and dissemination.*)
- **Equity considerations** (*Describe how the proposed research plan takes into consideration the potential for increasing racial and/or population health equity. If not applicable, describe why.*)
- **Mentor/mentee relationship and mentorship plan** (*1/4 of the 5-page limit must be dedicated to this heading.*) Describe:
 - i. *Mentor's research qualifications and background in relation to proposed area of research and/or methodology*
 - ii. *Details of the specific mentored support to be provided (i.e. research strategy support, progress monitoring, training in new research methods or platforms, constructive feedback on drafts)*
 - iii. *Details regarding the mentor/mentee relationship (i.e., supervision plan, meeting schedule, expectations, and benchmarks)*

Investigator Contribution Cover Letter

When more than one investigator is named in an application, the Principal Investigator must provide a covering letter outlining the unique contribution of each investigator.

Career Research Proposal

Summarize your proposed research plan according to the headings below. Your entire research proposal must not exceed a total of **5 pages as stipulated** and must contain:

- **Introduction**
- **Objectives**
- **Relevance to ‘sustainability’ and AOM strategic goals and objectives**
- **Methodology** (*Provide an overview of the dataset that will be used including the key population, dates, and outcomes; the statistical and analysis plan; the data management plan (mechanisms for ensuring data is kept secure, confidential, and protected); and please outline how you will obtain ethics approval*)
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