

# Career Midwifery Research Grant

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*High quality decision-making by midwives and clients is enhanced by access to midwifery-led research with a focus on normal pregnancy, birth, postpartum and early newborn care. 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. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of such funding. The Career Midwifery Research Grants will help strengthen the capacity of the profession and improve care for all midwifery clients and their families. This work will be guided by the Midwifery Research Working Group.*

*The maximum award is \$35,000.*

## **Eligible Projects**

Projects must have the potential to benefit childbearing families in Ontario and must reflect midwifery philosophy of care, considering Ontario midwives' unique scope of practice and model of care.

Funded projects are two-year (non-renewable) project 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 principal investigator may be submitted for each grant stream. In awarding funding, the Peer Review Committee strives to support a diversity of projects, institutional affiliations, research teams, and midwifery voices.

## **Eligible Applicants**

The principal investigator of the Career Midwifery Research Grant must be a registered or Aboriginal midwife in Ontario, who is affiliated with a university in Ontario.

The AOM welcomes projects from teams of investigators. The team must identify a single person as principal investigator to whom correspondence should be directed. The principal investigator will be accountable to the AOM for compliance with the conditions of the award and for the provision of reports, financial statements, and all other aspects of the grant. When more than one investigator is named in an application, the principal investigator should provide a covering letter outlining the unique contribution of each investigator.

### **Completed Application Includes:**

- [Application and Budget Form](#)
- The following information in one document:
  - [Investigator Contributions Cover letter](#) (if applicable)
  - [Research Proposal](#)
- CV(s) *PDF(s) attached separately*

### **Notice of Intent**

To apply for the Career Midwifery Research Grant, applicants must first submit a [Notice of Intent to Apply](#) (NOI) by **September 28, 2020 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, 2020 at 11:59pm**. 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.

Grants will be awarded following peer review by members of the Association of Ontario Midwives' [Midwifery Research Work Group](#) (MRWG) and external peer reviewers.

Thank you for your interest in supporting midwife-led research initiatives in Ontario.

For information and questions, please contact Alexa Minichiello at [researchgrants@aom.on.ca](mailto:researchgrants@aom.on.ca).

### Instructions for Submission:

Please submit the following by email to [researchgrants@aom.on.ca](mailto:researchgrants@aom.on.ca):

1. [Application and budget form](#)
2. The following two pieces combined as **one** Word or PDF document:

<a href="#">Investigator contributions letter</a>	(250 word maximum)	<b>Formatting requirements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 point font size</li> <li>• Times New Roman font</li> <li>• Single spaced</li> <li>• Minimum 2 cm margins</li> </ul>
<a href="#">Research proposal</a>	(5-page maximum)	

- References and any tables, charts, figures and graphs may be submitted as an appendix as part of the research proposal and are not considered part of the five page limit.
  - File naming instructions: **Career\_GrantProposal\_YOUR NAME**
3. Submit all investigators' CVs as one combined PDF

# Investigator Contribution Cover Letter

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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.

# Research Proposal

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Summarize your proposed research plan according to the headings below.

- **Introduction/overview of literature review**
- **Objectives**
- **Relevance to midwifery**
- **Methodology** (*Provide an overview of the approach and the population that will be used. If you plan to use human subjects 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 and/or its application to midwifery. Please describe plans for knowledge translation and dissemination*)
- **Equity considerations** (*Describe how the proposed research plan takes into consideration disadvantaged groups. If not applicable, describe why.*)

## Appendix: Assessment criteria

Criteria	Absent	Fair	Good	Excellent	Reviewer's score
<b>Research concept</b> <i>How well developed is the research project? Consider the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The research questions and objectives are clearly defined, original, and are reflective of context and needs (issues and/or gaps).</li> <li>The proposal is well written and flows logically.</li> <li>The scope of the project is appropriate considering the applicant's available resources, and the allotted timeframe.</li> </ul>	0	1	2	3	
<b>Relevance to midwifery</b> <i>How relevant is the project to midwifery? Consider the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project has the potential to benefit childbearing families in Ontario.</li> <li>The project aligns with the midwifery philosophy of care.</li> </ul>	0	1	2	3	
<b>Research design and methodology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Are the research methods appropriate and well described? Consider the following:</i></li> <li>The proposed methods are appropriate for the research question(s).</li> <li>The analytical framework and methods are clearly described and realistic.</li> <li>The proposed research plan describes considerations for disadvantaged groups. If not applicable, an explanation is provided.</li> <li>If applicable, the procedure for obtaining ethics approval is clearly described.</li> </ul>	0	1	2	3	
<b>Knowledge Translation</b> <i>What will be the impact of the research and has the applicant considered how to disseminate the findings appropriately? Consider the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The potential impact of the research results is well described.</li> <li>The proposal includes an appropriate plan for knowledge translation and dissemination.</li> </ul>	0	1	2	3	
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