

Mentored Midwifery Research Grant

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. The Mentored Midwifery Research Grants will help strengthen the capacity of the profession and improve care for all midwifery clients and their families.

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 \$4,000.

Eligible Projects

Projects must have the potential to benefit childbearing families in Ontario and must reflect midwifery philosophies of care and take into consideration Ontario midwives' unique scope of practice and models of care.

Funded projects are 18-month (non-renewable) project grants. You may re-apply for the same research project if you have received notification your previous application was not successful.

Multiple applications by the same applicant may be submitted for each grant stream. When awarding funding, the Peer Review Committee strives to support a diversity of projects, institutional affiliations, research teams, and midwifery voices.

For information and questions, please contact Alexa Minichiello at researchgrants@aom.on.ca.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants of the Mentored Midwifery Research Grant must be a registered midwife, student midwife or Aboriginal midwife working under the exemption clause (8.3a of the Midwifery Act 1991 of Ontario) in Ontario.

Mentored applicants must work under the supervision of a mentor. A mentor is an individual who is autonomous regarding their research activities and has an academic or research appointment.

You can find more information about finding a mentor [here](#).

Completed Application Includes:

- [Application and Budget Form](#)
- [Research Proposal and Indigenous Sovereignty and Equity Considerations](#)
- Applicant and Mentor CV(s). Please separately attach these as PDF(s).

Notice of Intent

To apply for the Mentored Midwifery Research Grant, applicants must first submit a [Notice of Intent](#) to Apply (NOI) by **September 27, 2021 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 25, 2021 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.

Peer Review

Grants will be awarded following peer review by members of the Association of Ontario Midwives' [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 from across Canada and internationally may not be familiar with specifics of Ontario midwifery. To facilitate a thorough peer review, please avoid the use of acronyms and describe any Ontario-specific midwifery programs (e.g., EMCMs, IMPs), or terminology etc.

Instructions for Submission:

Please submit the following by email to researchgrants@aom.on.ca

1. [Application and Budget form](#)
2. [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: **Mentored_GrantProposal_YOUR NAME**
3. [Indigenous sovereignty and equity considerations](#) (*maximum 500 words*)
4. Please combine the Applicant and Mentor's CV into one PDF

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 above** and must contain:

- **Introduction/overview of literature review**
- **Objectives**
- **Relevance to midwifery and/or AOM strategic goals and objectives**
- **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 18 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.*)
- **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)*

Indigenous Sovereignty and Equity Considerations

In an additional 500 words or less, please respond to the following questions:

1. Describe, where appropriate, how the project demonstrates potential for increasing Indigenous sovereignty, racial and/or population health equity. If this is not applicable, describe why.
2. Describe how the proposed research plan addresses Indigenous sovereignty, racial equity, health equity, and/or other forms of systemic oppression in the research study objectives, methods, analysis, outcomes and potential impacts. If this is not applicable, describe why.
3. Describe how the lived experiences of your research team reflect that of your proposed study participants and their community(ies). If not, describe the process of how you will involve the perspectives of this/these community(ies) throughout the project. If this is not applicable, describe why.
4. If your proposed project involves Indigenous communities, how will your research respect [OCAP principles](#)?

Appendix: Assessment criteria

Criteria	Absent	Fair	Good	Excellent	Reviewer's score
Research concept <i>How well developed is the research project? Consider the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The research questions and objectives are clearly defined, original, and are reflective of context and needs (issues and/or gaps). The proposal is well written and flows logically. The scope of the project is appropriate considering the applicant's available resources, and the allotted timeframe. 	0	1	2	3	
Relevance to midwifery <i>How relevant is the project to midwifery? Consider the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project has the potential to benefit childbearing families in Ontario. The project aligns with the midwifery philosophy of care. 	0	1	2	3	
Research design and methodology <i>Are the research methods appropriate and well described? Consider the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed methods are appropriate for the research question(s). The analytical framework and methods are clearly described and realistic. If applicable, the procedure for obtaining ethics approval is clearly described. 	0	1	2	3	
Indigenous Sovereignty and Equity Considerations <i>Does the research project have the potential to increase equity? Consider the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The potential impact to increase Indigenous sovereignty, racial and/or population health equity is clear. The research proposal clearly addresses racial and/or other systemic forms of oppression in the context of the research questions, design, outputs, and impacts. The project team reflects or will involve the perspectives of from the study participants/community(ies). If any or all of the above is not applicable, the project has appropriately justified why. 	0	1	2	3	
Knowledge Translation <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"> The potential impact of the research results is well described. The proposal includes an appropriate plan for knowledge translation and dissemination. 	0	1	2	3	
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