

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. This is the 5th year of such funding. The Mentored 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 \$4,000.

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 18-month (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 applicant may be submitted for each grant stream however, when awarding funding, the Peer Review Committee strives to support a diversity of projects, institutional affiliations, research teams, and midwifery voices.

Eligible Applicants

Applicants of the Mentored Midwifery Research Grant must be a registered midwife in Ontario and be currently enrolled in a master's or PhD program or within five years of completing a master's or PhD.

Mentored applicants must work under the supervision of a mentor (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](#)
- Applicant and Mentor CV(s) *PDF(s) attached separately*

Notice of Intent

To apply for the Mentored 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 11:59 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.

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

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 font size
 - Times New Roman font
 - Single spaced
 - Minimum 2 cm margins
 - File naming instructions: **Mentored_GrantProposal_YOUR NAME**
3. Applicant and Mentor's CVs, submitted as one combined 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** and must contain:

- **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 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.*)
- **Equity considerations** (*Describe how the proposed research plan takes into consideration disadvantaged groups. 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)*

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

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. The proposed research plan describes considerations for disadvantaged groups. If not applicable, an explanation is provided. If applicable, the procedure for obtaining ethics approval is clearly described. 	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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