

Mentored Midwifery Research 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 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.

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 the 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

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.

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 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 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 24, 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.

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 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.

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

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

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

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

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 sustainability and 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 related to sustainability of 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 justice and/or population health equity. If this is not applicable, describe why.
2. Describe how the proposed research plan addresses intersectional power and privilege (e.g., white supremacy, patriarchy) 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](#)?