

Project 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 to support midwife-led research in Ontario.

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.

The maximum award is \$35 000.

Eligible Projects

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

Funded projects are 3-year (non-renewable) project grants. You may re-apply for the same project if you have received notification that your previous application was not successful. Principal Investigators may apply to more than one grant stream and be named on multiple applications. However, **the same grant proposal cannot be submitted to more than one stream**—it must be submitted to only one.

Eligible Applicants

The principal investigator of the Project Grant must be a registered or Indigenous midwife working within the exemption clause (8.3a of the Midwifery Act 1991 of Ontario), who has an academic or research affiliation with an educational or community-based organization (e.g., university college, Indigenous educational institute, hospital) 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. Members of the team identified as co-investigators need not necessarily be a midwife nor be affiliated with an educational institute.

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 Project Grant, applicants must first submit a [Notice of Intent to Apply](#) (NOI) by **September 29, 2025 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 27, 2025 at 9:00 am**. 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](#) 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., EMCs, IMPs), or terminology etc.

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

AI Disclosure

The AOM recognizes that AI has become increasingly useful for researchers. However, applicants are expected to write their research proposals themselves, as a matter of research integrity. Applicants are also expected to ensure that the contents of their application are accurate, and that references and sources are appropriately acknowledged. Applicants will be asked to disclose if and how AI was used in the preparation of their proposal.

Assessment Criteria

Grants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Relevance and value of the research to the Ontario midwifery context
- 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 methods, timeline and budget

Instructions for Submission:

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

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

Investigator contributions letter	(250 word)	Formatting requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12-point font size • Times New Roman font • Single spaced • Minimum 2 cm margins
Research proposal	(5-page)	
Indigenous sovereignty and equity considerations	(500 word)	

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

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

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.

Research Proposal

Summarize your proposed research plan according to the headings below.

- **Introduction/overview of literature review**
- **Objectives** (*Describe the research concept as well as how the objectives are reflective of and of value to the Ontario midwifery context*)
- **Methods** (*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*)

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 First Nations communities, how will your research respect [OCAP principles](#)?