



**International
Confederation
of Midwives**

Strengthening Midwifery Globally

CALL FOR EDUCATION PROPOSALS

ICM EDUCATION AWARD 2019

When educated to international standards, midwives are able to provide up to 87% of the essential care needed for mothers and their newborns (State of the Worlds' Midwifery Report 2014). In its work to help produce a highly qualified workforce, the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) continuously supports midwifery education, both pre- service and/or in-service midwifery education to ensure that mothers and newborns have access to quality midwifery care.

In collaboration with Johnson & Johnson, whose credo values are to help create a world where people, no matter their circumstances, have access to quality health care, the **ICM Education Award** was established.

As an encouragement and example for midwifery educators, the **ICM Education Award** seeks to recognize midwives who create original, innovative and easily reproducible education programmes/courses at pre-service or in-service levels.

The candidate

Candidates must meet the following criteria in order to be considered for the **ICM Education Award**:

1. Be a midwife according to the ICM International Definition of a Midwife.
2. Be a member of an ICM member association unless no member association exists in that country.
3. Be a midwifery educator/trainer
4. Presents a proposal for innovative pre-service and/or in-service midwifery education in one of the 3 ICM languages for the use of the award.
5. Previous ICM award winners are not eligible for this award.

The proposal

The project should aim to improve pre-service and/or in-service midwifery education. It should be innovative, original and easy reproducible, without a demand for high tech equipment or external consultants. It should improve or develop new education models, procedures, techniques or tools.



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Selection criteria

The selection committee, comprised of representatives of the ICM Education Standing Committee (ESC), together with relevant staff of ICM Head Office and the ICM Board liaisons to the ESC will make the selection based on the following criteria.

- The innovative nature of the project
- Its capacity to improve pre-service and/or in-service midwifery education
- How it enhances the skills of students or teachers
- Feasibility of the proposal and action plan
- Capacity to reproduce the intervention in other environments and regions.

Presentation

Award winners must present their project through a poster presentation at the regional conference or triennial congress that they are selected for.

Award and award winners

From 2019 to 2021, 2 to 3 awards will be offered annually; at least one for pre-service midwifery education and one for in-service midwifery education. The awards will be announced at an ICM regional conference or triennial congresses.

Winners will receive:

- Financial support up to \$ 7,500 to encourage and promote the development of their project.
- Full sponsorship for the ICM Regional Conference or Triennial Congress where (s)he will be recognised during the award ceremony.
- The opportunity to share the project during the ICM Regional Conference or Triennial Congress through a poster presentation.

When and how to apply

Apply for the ICM Education Award 2019 by completing the online application form by 4th July 2019.

[LINK TO ONLINE APPLICATION FORM](#)

As part of completing the application form you will need to submit your **curriculum vitae** (max 2 pages) and a **project proposal** (max 4 pages).

Your **curriculum vitae** must contain the following information:

- A short biography of your career and practice as a midwife (500 words)
- Your qualifications (include year and place obtained)
- A description of your current role and most recent employment (last five years).
- A description of how your knowledge, experience and qualifications will assist you to successfully complete this project.



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Your **project proposal** must contain the following information:

- The aim of your project
- How will your project improve pre-service and/or in-service midwifery education?
- How will your project enhance midwifery students' or teachers' skills (i.e. what are the expected outcomes)?
- A timeline for the completion of this project.
- A budget of expenditure (please specify currency)
- A plan of how to reproduce the project in other environments and regions.

For questions regarding the application process, please contact us via info@internationalmidwives.org and write "ICM Education Award" in the subject line.