



**International  
Confederation  
of Midwives**

Strengthening Midwifery Globally

## CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

# ICM RESEARCH AWARD 2020

The ICM Code of Ethics states that: “Midwives use up-to-date, evidence based, professional knowledge to ensure safe midwifery practices in all environments and cultures”. Research is the foundation of the ICM 3 pillars (Education, Regulation and Association), and ongoing education and research are the lifeblood of any vibrant profession. Supporting research done by midwives has been an integral part of the Confederation’s work for more than a decade.

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 Research Award was established. The ICM Research Award (\$7,000) seeks to promote midwifery research that enhances and documents evidence-based midwifery practice and to further develop midwifery research capacity. It supports midwives to engage in research and recognize midwives who have taken an active role in conducting research or dissemination thereof through conferences and other channels.

### **The candidate**

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

- Be a midwife according to the ICM International Definition of a Midwife.
- Be a member of an ICM member association unless no member association exists in that country.
- Be a principle researcher for the research proposal
- Presents a research proposal in one of the three ICM languages for the use of the award.
- Be a resident of a low or lower-middle income country where s/he practices midwifery. (see list on the [World Bank’s website](#))
- Previous ICM award winners are not eligible for this award.

### **The proposal**

Focus of the research must be in one of the following midwifery research priority areas:

1. Implementation and/or translation of evidence to support best practices in newborn/infant or maternal care and best outcomes.
2. Prevention of maternal, neonatal and/or infant morbidity and mortality
3. Psychosocial aspects of maternal and/or newborn care
4. Physiologic birth
5. Building research capacity of midwives



### **Selection criteria**

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

- 2 awardees will be selected 2020 from low and lower/middle income countries in Africa, South East Asia, Western Pacific, Eastern Mediterranean and/or South America/Caribbean. (see list on the [World Bank's website](#))
- The focus of the research should be on one of the aforementioned midwifery research priority areas.
- At least one award per year will be awarded to research focusing on neonatal skin care, infant massage and/or parental engagement in appropriate sensory stimulation for the newborn and its importance in healthy development.

### **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**

Winners will receive:

- Financial support up to \$7,000 to encourage and promote the development of their research. The award may be used for the design, initiation or implementation of an existing research study or activity e.g. data collection or preparing the research for publication.
- Full sponsorship for the ICM Regional Conference or ICM Triennial Congress where (s)he will be recognised as part of 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 Research Award 2020 by completing the online application form by 12<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### [LINK TO ONLINE APPLICATION FORM](#)

As part of completing the application form you will need to answer questions about your **curriculum vitae** (max 2 pages) and your **research proposal** (max 4 pages):

#### **Curriculum vitae:**

- 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.
- A list of previous completed research projects (in the last 10 years) and details of any publications or presentations arising from these works.



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**Research proposal:**

- Title of research
- The justification for your research (why is it needed?)
- The aim of your research
- The methods (how you will conduct the research?) Please include setting/sites, recruitment and participants, participant numbers, data collection techniques and data analysis.
- The ethical considerations for this research
- Will you obtain ethics approval from a recognised authority or ethics committee? If no, please specify.
- The expected outcomes of this research
- A budget of expenditure (please specify currency)
- A timeline for the completion of this project.
- A plan to disseminate the findings of this research

For questions regarding the application process, please contact us via [info@internationalmidwives.org](mailto:info@internationalmidwives.org) and write "ICM Research Award" in the subject line.