



ENTRY FORM

Excellence in Midwifery for Research

Before you complete the entry form please take a moment to read through the below information carefully as it contains important information regarding your entry such as, deadlines, word limits and details about what will happen if you are shortlisted for your category.

Eligible: Any RCM member

Individual or team category: You can submit an entry for either an individual or for a team

Entry or nominated: This category is entry only. You cannot nominate

Category description: This Award will recognise a midwifery researcher* or a team of researchers who are able to demonstrate that they have furthered the midwifery knowledge base for the benefit of women and families, and/or student midwives, midwives and MSWs, or other maternity professionals. Research undertaken in relation to any aspect of midwifery practice is eligible.

**Midwifery researchers are defined as Research Midwives working on portfolio studies, midwives undertaking PhD level study, midwives in clinical-academic roles, and midwives who are undertaking independent research projects/roles.*

The judges are looking for:

- A clear description of the research context, rationale and how this work will add to the midwifery research body of knowledge [including the underpinning evidence, and the justification of the need]
- A clear summary of the research proposal [aims, objectives, methods, findings, conclusion, and implications for practice], including a summary of any challenges that were met and overcome
- A description of the implementation process / dissemination of the research findings for the benefit of the wider midwifery community
- A brief reflection on the way that undertaking this research has benefited your practice

Entry deadline: 11 January 2023

**All entries must be submitted online via the RCM Awards website: www.rcmawards.com*

Submission Rules:

In order to ensure a smooth and efficient entry process we ask that you follow some simple rules:

- Your entry form **must be anonymous**. If the judges are able to identify your entry, it may be disqualified.
- The word count for entries is **750 words** (This includes all sections of the entry form). References are not included in this word count. If your entry does exceed this word limit you run the risk of being disqualified.
- Make sure that you are completing the correct entry/nomination form for your category.
- Select categories allow the entrant to supply supporting documentation. If this applies to your category, please supply it as a separate document and limit it to 3 single sided A4 pages.
- You must complete the official entry form. Other documents cannot be accepted.

What happens next?

- The shortlist will be announced in February 2023. All entrants will receive an email notifying them when the shortlist is announced.
- All shortlisted entrants are expected to attend an individual judging day to present their project to a panel of judges. Please note that the RCM cannot reimburse or cover midwives' travel and/or accommodation costs to attend the interview days or the awards day.
- A maximum of two complimentary tickets will be provided for each shortlisted entry for the named entrant, or entrants, or nominated entrant and their nominee to attend the RCM Awards event held on 19 May 2023 in London.

***PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME OR NHS ORGANISATION NAME ON THIS FORM. THIS ENTRY MUST BE ANONYMOUS**

SUMMARY OF ENTRY (*Approx 100 words*)

PROVIDE REASONING FOR UNDERTAKING THIS PIECE OF RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE HOW THIS RESEARCH WILL ADD TO MIDWIFERY KNOWLEDGE

DETAIL THE AIM, OBJECTIVES AND DESIRED OUTCOMES AS A RESULT OF YOUR PIECE OF WORK

DESCRIBE YOUR PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS FROM YOUR RESEARCH AND HOW THIS WILL BENEFIT THE WIDER MIDWIFERY COMMUNITY

EXPLAIN HOW THIS RESEARCH HAS AFFECTED YOUR MIDWIFERY PRACTICE

PROVIDE DETAILS OF ANY FUTURE EVALUATIONS BEING PLANNED AS A RESULT OF IMPLEMENTATION