



EXCELLENCE IN MIDWIFERY FOR RESEARCH

ENTRY CRITERIA

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. Include 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

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 can 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.
- You must complete the official entry form. Other documents cannot be accepted.
- As part of the entry, you can supply supporting documentation. It must be supplied as one, separate document and limit it to 3 single sided A4 pages. Any additional material may not be reviewed.
- All shortlisted entrants are expected to attend an individual judging day in Central London to present their project to a panel of judges.

Please note: all entries must be submitted online via the RCM Awards website: www.rcmawards.com

***PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY NAMES OR NHS TRUST/BOARD OR UNIVERSITY NAMES ON THIS FORM. THIS ENTRY MUST BE ANONYMOUS**

PROVIDE A CLEAR DESCRIPTION OF THE RESEARCH CONTEXT, RATIONAL AND HOW THIS WORK WILL ADD TO THE MIDWIFERY RESEARCH BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

DETAIL THE AIMS, OBJECTIVES, METHODS, FINDINGS, CONCLUSION, AND IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE. WHAT WERE THE CHALLENGES AND HOW WERE THEY OVERCOME?

DESCRIBE THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS / DISSEMINATION OF THE RESEARCH FINDINGS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WIDER MIDWIFERY COMMUNITY

EXPLAIN HOW THIS RESEARCH HAS AFFECTED YOUR MIDWIFERY PRACTICE