

## **ACM Branch Scholarships**

ACM is dedicated to offering valuable scholarship opportunities aligned with our strategic directives, vision, and mission. These scholarships empower our members to participate in workshops, conferences, and research endeavors, fostering their professional growth and making meaningful contributions to the advancement of the midwifery profession.

## How to Apply

- 1.Go to the scholarship page on our website.
- 2. Select the relevant scholarship link.
- 3. This will take you to the scholarship website.
- 4. Read the scholarship terms before applying.
- 5. You will need to create a new account the first time you visit each separate scholarship page.
- 6. You can do this by clicking on 'Log In' at the very top right of the page and a log in pop up window will appear.
- 7. Click on 'Need to create an account' at the bottom.
- 8. Complete the details required in the new pop up and click create.
- 9. You will be directed back to the scholarship home page.
- 10. Click 'Start application'.
- 11. Enter your personal details.
- 12. Upload a small profile photo and add a biography if you wish.
- 13. Click 'Save & Continue' or just 'Save'.
- 14. You can now log back in if you need to complete your submission at a later date.
- 15. Click 'Next' to complete your submission.
- 16. Be sure to provide as much detail as possible.
- 17. You can upload any supporting evidence eg. conference program, course outline etc.
- 18. Provide the name and email of two referees, **if required**, and click 'Next' to review your submission.
- 19. Once you hit 'Submit' you will not be able to make any further changes.



When the submission deadline is reached, the application portal will close and scholarships will be assessed by key members of your branch.

Use the matrix below to ensure you submit a high-quality application and give yourself the best chance of success.

## ACM Branch PD Scholarship Review Matrix

Criteria	0	1	2	3
Participation & engagement	No evidence of participation in ACM activities OR not stated	Limited participation in ACM activities (attendance at conferences or other ACM events) in the past two years OR evidence of participation more than two years ago	Regular participation and engagement in ACM activities (presenter at conference, representative) particularly in the past two years	Consistent and sustained contribution to and engagement in ACM activities at the local branch and/or national level (Committee engagement, regular ACM representation, volunteering, etc) in the past two years or more
Description of scholarship activity & its relevance to midwifery	Not relevant to midwifery OR a description of the activity is not provided	The relevance of the activity to midwifery is limited	The activity is relevant to midwifery practice, research or education	The activity is strongly relevant to midwifery practice, research and/ or education and will provide the applicant with future opportunities
Budget explanation	Budget is not stated OR items listed are not appropriate for purposes of scholarship	Total budget is stated but it is unclear how ACM scholarship funds will be allocated	Budget items are listed and appear to be appropriate for the activity but it is unclear how ACM scholarship funds will be used against the budget items	Budget items are listed, described and appropriate with the planned allocation of ACM scholarship funds clearly stated
Other financial support	Full financial support has been received OR has not responded to this question	The applicant has received some financial support and/or other benefits (scholarship, paid leave) but it does not cover the entire budget	The applicant has received no financial support but has received other benefits (e.g. paid leave)	Not received any additional financial support including paid leave or other benefits
Overall application quality	Incomplete or unclear, no link to scholarship objectives or no indication of benefits to the wider community	The application is poorly written and/or is weakly linked to the scholarship objectives and/or limited demonstration of benefits to the wider community	The application is well written, with moderate links to the scholarship objectives and moderately demonstrates benefits to the wider community	Well written, with strong links to scholarship objectives and shows benefits to the wider community