**Grant for midwifery societies: guidance for applicants**

The RCM is very keen to support student midwifery societies and to help thriving student midwife networks across the UK. We hope that student midwifery societies will form strong collaborative links with their local RCM Branches and consider affiliation with the RCM.

To encourage the growth and success of student midwifery societies, the RCM is introducing an annual grant of £250 payable to any Student Midwifery Society that can meet the required criteria.

**Grant requirements**

1. Applications to be made using the attached forms setting out in broad detail the purpose and use of the grant.
2. Funding to be used for RCM approved purposes only. The RCM has the right to seek return of any monies it deems to have been misused.
3. Commitment to complete and return an evaluation within 6 months of the grant being awarded, evidencing how the funding has been used and how it has benefited the society. This can include photographs or social media postings etc.
4. If the funding is to be used for an event, evaluations should use the standard RCM event evaluation form.
5. Commitment to communicating society activities and plans with local RCM Branches.
6. Failure to demonstrate and evaluate how the grant is used may disqualify societies from a future grant.

**What can be funded?**

Please note, this is not an exclusive list but should be used as a guide.

* Learning events, study days and conferences.
* Subsidised attendance at RCM Annual Conference or other RCM Midwifery Conferences e.g., European Midwives Conference.
* Producing materials that celebrate your Midwifery Society for recruiting new RCM members.
* Raising awareness about the contribution of midwifery in your community.
* Organising International Day of the Midwife events and initiatives.
* Running a joint event/initiative with your local RCM Branch.

**Who can apply for funding?**

* A named midwifery society committee member, counter-signed either by a local RCM Branch Officer or local RCM National/Regional Officer.
* Complete the attached form and tell us what you intend to use the money for.
* Send this to RCM staff at [midsocnetwork@rcm.org.uk](mailto:midsocnetwork@rcm.org.uk) who will assess your application and will seek any further information, if required.

**How will the funding be paid?**

If successful, notification will be given within 2 weeks via the contact details provided on the form. Payment will be made directly into the midwifery society bank account.

**Affiliating your midwifery society with the RCM**

A university midwifery society can make applications to the RCM Branch Governance Committee seeking affiliation to RCM Branches.  To be eligible for affiliation 75% of the members of the midwifery society must be RCM members and the local student union should have agreed to it in writing. The Country Director or Regional Head will contact the relevant RCM Branch to establish whether the affiliation is acceptable.

Midwifery society branch affiliation will be reviewed every three years.

**Get active in the RCM Student Midwife Forum**

Each year RCM student midwife members elect representatives to our Student Midwife Forum. This gives student midwives a direct voice in all our campaigning and policy work and helps shape the annual RCM student midwife conference. Make sure SMF members know what is important to you.

To find out more about the SMT and make contact with members, visit our web site: <https://www.rcm.org.uk/meet-the-smf/>

**Student midwifery society funding application form**

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| Name of midwifery society: |  |
| University/location: |  |
| Date: |  |
| Midwifery society contact name: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Telephone number: |  |
| Name of RCM contact:  (Local branch official or local RCM National / Regional Officer) |  |
| Midwifery society bank name: |  |
| Bank address: |  |
| Account number: |  |
| Sort code: |  |

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| **Please detail why the funding is required and how it will be used?** |
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| **Target audience: who will benefit?** |
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**Student midwifery society funding evaluation**

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| **Name of midwifery society:** |  |
| **Please provide a short account of how you used the grant and how it benefitted the midwifery society. Please include photos etc. if relevant.** | |
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| **How many RCM members were involved?** | **How many non-members were involved?** | **How many student midwives did you recruit to the RCM?** |
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Net Promotor score (if appropriate) ------------

**Please return completed forms to: Pri Patel** [**pri.patel@rcm.org.uk**](mailto:pri.patel@rcm.org.uk)

**Standard event evaluation**

Thank you for joining us for today’s event. The midwifery society values your feedback to help us plan future events which best meet your needs. Please spare a moment to complete this evaluation form and hand it in at the close of the event.

Are you a RCM Member? Yes No

Why did you attend?

Please indicate how closely the following statements match your reason

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|  | Strongly agree | Slightly agree | Neither | Slightly disagree | Disagree |
| To learn new skills |  |  |  |  |  |
| To update my knowledge and understanding |  |  |  |  |  |
| For my career development |  |  |  |  |  |
| To network with other people in similar roles |  |  |  |  |  |
| My manager asked me to attend |  |  |  |  |  |

Other reason (please state)

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Please rate how likely is it that you would recommend attending the study day or future events run by the midwifery society? (0= very unlikely, 10 = extremely likely)

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| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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Please give the reasons for your score

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How do you rate the overall content today? (please indicate)

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| Poor | Fair | Good | Very Good | Excellent |
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Any comments?

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Are there any topics you would like to see covered at future events?

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How would you sum up your experience today in one sentence?

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**How to work out the net promotor score**

Please see example below:

1. Once you have your forms back and collated with the number of respondents who have checked each number 0-10, calculate these as a percentage of the total number of respondents.

For example: 35 respondents out of a total 65 ticked box 10 =

35 divided by 65 x 100= %

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| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 1 (1.5%) | 1 (1.5%) | 3  (5%) | 10 (15%) | 15 (23%) | 35 (54%) |

1. Any who score 0-6 are ‘Detractors’.  Any who score 9-10 are ‘Promoters’.
2. Next, add together the percentage figures for your promoters, in this example this comes to 77 (23 +54).
3. Then subtract the total detractors, in this example, this comes to 3 (1.5 + 1.5).
4. This gives you your Net Promoter Score which in this example is **74.**