



NURSING AND MIDWIFERY RESEARCH GRANTS

2025 Call for Upcoming Researcher Applications

1. Background

Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council is a Body Cooperate established by the Nurses and Midwives Act 1996 to regulate the Nursing and Midwifery professions in Uganda so as to ensure public safety. In its Mandate to protect the public from unsafe nursing and midwifery practice, the Council sets standards for the professions, advises, and makes recommendation to government on matters relating to the two professions among the others.

To effectively execute its mandate, the Council has expanded its service points through decentralisation and has embraced technology to reduce turnaround time during registration and licensure among others. There is need for the Council to further improve its efficiency to comply with the fast growing technology, dynamic health care management, and population growth. As a result, the Council would like to use its 5th cycle of research seed grants to derive evidence to improve its operation efficiency.

The Council is therefore pleased to announce the Call for applications for our 5th cycle of the research funding program, 2025. The research funding program aims at generating evidence and best practices to improve the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the Council.

2. Focus of the 5th Cycle of the UNMC research funding program 2025

This funding call invites Nurse or Midwife researchers in Uganda to submit research proposals seeking funding. We are particularly looking to support researchers with research projects that can inform the operations of the Council.

3. Eligibility Criteria

The Program is designed to enable nursing and midwifery scholars who meet the following criteria generate evidence to better the operations of the Council:

- Have a Bachelors in Nursing or Midwifery
- Have a research experience of not less than 2 years post registration with the Council
- Have never benefitted from the UNMC research seed grant.
- Have maintained a clean record, with no criminal or disciplinary cases with the Council.
- Applicant must be resident in Uganda for the entire duration of the research project

- Have a publication record in recognized research journals as an added advantage
- Have a research proposal in one of the fields of study for this program, stating its scientific and development relevance to the operations of the Council

4. Fields of Study

The eligible candidates may apply to study one of the following fields of study that applies to UNMC mandate and operations:

- Perceptions of Nurses and Midwives on the UNMC mandate or its functions
- Mortality of Nurses and Midwives and Reporting Mechanisms to UNMC
- Impact/ effectiveness of the different learning models (online, long distance and fulltime etc.) on acquiring expected competencies among the nurses and midwives
- Practice of home based care among Nurses and midwives in Uganda
- Standards and quality of clinical practice in clinics or medical units found in primary and secondary schools in Uganda
- Enforcement of CPD in the nursing and midwifery profession in Uganda

5. Research Funding

- The Council will award a maximum of **ten million Uganda shillings** for the seed grant.
- The research funding will run from the time of signing the contractual letter with UNMC to **June 2026**.
- The funds will be used to cover direct research costs only and not used to fund research activities retrospectively, that is, prior to the grant award.
- The successful candidates will be expected to provide monthly progress reports to the Council

6. Application Process

All interested candidates will be required to forward their applications by email only to the following address: grants@unmc.ug

The application will consist of:

- A cover letter
- Application form
- A short research/project proposal, not more than 10 pages with a clear description of the background, problem statement, research objective, purpose of the study, justification, significance, theoretical/conceptual frameworks, methods, utility of the research/project, implementation plan, and a budget.
- A curriculum Vitae highlighting research roles and competencies
- A copy of the official academic transcripts and valid professional documents of the applicant
- A list of publications in recognized journals (where applicable)
- Evidence of research work experience.
- Two recommendation letters (one from the employer)

Please use this email format for sending applications

From	Candidate's email address
To:	grants@unmc.ug
Cc:	unmcouncil@yahoo.com
Subject:	"2025 Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council Research Grants for Nurses and Midwives"
Attachments:	1. All the required documents listed in 6 above, preferably in PDF format as one document 2. All supporting documents must be labelled with your surname first
Message:	Please find attached my application for the 2025 Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council Research Grants for Nurses and Midwives. Thank you, Candidate name and address

Language of application: All applications **MUST** be submitted in English.

Deadline for application: **September 20th 2025 at 00.00 EAT**

PS: Applications that do not follow the indicated guidelines or with a missing required document will automatically be rejected.

7. Selection

A selection meeting will be held in **October 2025 and only selected candidates will be notified.**
Commencement of the grant will be immediately after receiving the award.

For any question, please contact: Okiror
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