

# THE MIDWIFE FOUNDATION

## RAPID GRANT READINESS SCREENING TOOL HANDOUT

### A Quick Self-Assessment for Students, Researchers, Midwives, Educators, Associations, and Organizations

This rapid screening tool provides a quick way to assess your current level of readiness before pursuing a scholarship, fellowship, research grant, programme grant, leadership opportunity, or organizational funding opportunity.

The tool can be completed in approximately **5–10 minutes** and is designed to help identify strengths and areas that may require additional attention before investing time in proposal development.

#### How to Use This Tool

For each statement, select:

- Ready Now** – The element is largely in place.
- Needs Strengthening** – The element exists but would benefit from further development.
- Not Yet in Place** – The element is absent or requires significant attention.

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## 1. Strategic Readiness

Statement	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My project, research, programme, or funding request aligns with my mission, goals, priorities, or intended impact.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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## 2. Programmatic Readiness

Statement	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I have a clear project idea, research question, intervention, or funding purpose.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know who will benefit from the proposed work.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I can clearly describe the outcomes I hope to achieve.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Statement**



I have evidence, experience, data, or a strong rationale supporting the proposed work.

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### 3. Organizational Readiness

**Statement**



I have the right people, partners, supervisors, mentors, or support systems involved.

I could realistically manage the funding if it were awarded today.

Appropriate institutional, organizational, or fiscal support has been identified if needed.

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### 4. Funding Readiness

**Statement**



I can clearly explain why funding is needed and how it will help achieve my goals.

I have reviewed the funder's priorities, objectives, or areas of interest.

I have reviewed similar projects, organizations, researchers, or initiatives previously funded.

I understand the type of funding opportunity I am pursuing and its requirements.

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### 5. Proposal Readiness

**Statement**



I have a basic budget or estimate of the resources needed to implement the work.

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### Quick Reflection

What appears to be your strongest readiness area?

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What readiness area may require additional strengthening?

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## Which readiness dimension requires the most attention before pursuing funding?

- Strategic Readiness
  - Programmatic Readiness
  - Organizational Readiness
  - Funding Readiness
  - Proposal Readiness
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## Key Takeaway

Grant readiness is about more than proposal writing.

Strong proposals are often built upon strong strategy, well-designed programmes, appropriate support systems, funding alignment, and clear communication.

This rapid screening tool provides a starting point for reflection. A more comprehensive Grant Readiness Assessment can help identify specific opportunities for strengthening and action planning.

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