

**Award amount:** \$200,000 over two years inclusive of 10% indirect costs

**Areas of research:**

1. Spontaneous preterm birth.
2. Decreasing Maternal and Infant Morbidity and Mortality by Improving Access to High Quality Health Care.
3. Cardiovascular health conditions developed during pregnancy or exacerbated during pregnancy.

**Open to:** Health professionals, health researchers, epidemiologists, and social scientists with doctoral academic degrees and either a faculty appointment or equivalent at academic universities, hospitals, and research institutions; from those who are employees of small businesses, startup companies, non-profit organizations, or pharmaceutical companies committed to research in the area of maternal and infant health.

**Note: the current cycle is closed**

Application portal opens: June 8, 2026

Application portal closes: September 8, 2026

Notification of awards: Mid-January 2027

Award start date: February 1, 2027

Award end date: January 31, 2029

**Apply on portal**

<https://modresearchgrants.aibs-scores.org>

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## **Eligibility**

March of Dimes invites submissions from:

- Health professionals, health researchers, epidemiologists, and social scientists with doctoral academic degrees and either a faculty appointment or equivalent at academic universities, hospitals, and research institutions;
- Those who are employees of small businesses, startup companies, non-profit organizations; or
- Pharmaceutical companies committed to research in the area of maternal and infant health.

These applications are not limited to US citizens. The award is open to global applicants. Applicants may not hold any other current March of Dimes grants when applying.

Requests for exceptions on timing (e.g., parental leave) may be submitted to Courtney Dower at ([cdower@marchofdimes.org](mailto:cdower@marchofdimes.org)).

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## **How to apply**

The entire process must be completed online at <https://modresearchgrants.aibs-scores.org> <<https://modresearchgrants.aibs-scores.org>>.

Applicants may only submit one application, listing themselves as either a Primary Investigator or Co-Primary Investigator.

## **Required information**

- Application for the proposed research, which includes:
    - Title and abstract of proposed project
    - Statement of objective and hypothesis
    - Preliminary data and background studies
    - Research approach and intended deliverables
  - Budget and budget justification
  - Candidate's biographical sketch
  - Facilities available
  - Current and pending financial support: list each grant or contract for the conduct of this research. If there is support, please state "NONE"
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## **Awardee partnership expectations**

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# **2024 award recipients**

Current year cycle's grant recipients