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Dear Midwives,

The McMaster Midwifery Education Program recognizes that students who identify as Indigenous, Black and People of Colour contribute to the program in valuable ways which may not always be validated. To recognize these contributions, ***the MEP has created a scholarship to honour the IBPOC students who exemplify our ideals of contributing to the profession, adding value to the health care system, and advocating for all clients.*** The criteria for the scholarship has been developed with input from people who are racialized and who have expertise in equity and inclusion. The selection committee for the award will be comprised of people who are racialized.

This award recognizes outstanding IBPOC midwifery student leadership in client care, community outreach and/or engagement in campus life. We have created a scholarship to support midwifery students who self-identify as racialized in an attempt to reduce barriers to joining the profession and to help open doors to future success. Scholarships not only ease the financial burden of being a student, but also help the recipient to build a CV that will assist them should they want to attend graduate school, or do research, or apply for a job or leadership role.

Contributing to a sustainable scholarship fund is a valuable way to assist racialized students achieve the goal of graduation. At this time, we are seeking contributions from the community. Our objective is to build a fund large enough to offer an annual scholarship from the interest alone and we cannot do this without your support.

For more information on the scholarship, or to donate, [CLICK HERE](#)

McMaster University is a registered donee. An official e-receipt is generated and can be downloaded when you make a donation online. To determine your charitable tax credits, please visit the Canada Revenue Agency website.

We thank you for your commitment to this important initiative,

Liz Darling,

On behalf of the McMaster Midwifery Education Program faculty and staff