

Documenting the composition of clinicians providing abortion care

2025 Request for proposals

Purpose

There is [widespread consensus](#) that a range of trained clinicians can safely and effectively provide medication and procedural abortion care. This includes physicians, such as obstetricians and gynecologists, family medicine physicians, internists, and doctors of osteopathic medicine, as well as advanced practice clinicians, such as certified nurse-midwives, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants/associates. However, we lack robust evidence to quantitatively describe this workforce and the volume of abortion care they provide.

This evidence is critical in light of the potential and observed disruptions to the abortion care workforce resulting from the *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization* Supreme Court decision. To address this gap, the Society of Family Planning is offering the *Documenting the composition of clinicians providing abortion care* funding opportunity. This funding opportunity seeks to support research projects that generate data on the composition of clinicians providing abortion care in the US and the volume of abortions provided, ensuring we have the needed information to track and strengthen the abortion care workforce.

The deadline for proposals is July 7 at 8:59 pm PT/11:59 pm ET. Awards will be announced in late August 2025 and funds will be available for immediate use.



Research focus

We invite proposals positioned to generate quantitative data on

- 1) the composition of clinicians providing medication and procedural abortion care and
- 2) the volume of abortions by clinician type in the post-*Dobbs* period.

If feasible, based on the proposed methods, we are also interested in projects that generate data on the training background of physicians (eg, obstetrics and gynecology, family medicine). We recognize that the abortion care workforce includes a broad range of individuals, including those who are not clinicians. However, for the purposes of this funding opportunity, projects must be specifically focused on clinicians functioning within their licensed scope of practice to provide abortion care.

Projects are encouraged to leverage existing data collection efforts or data sources (eg, electronic health records, claims data). Data must be from the post-*Dobbs* period. Proposals positioned to produce findings with the greatest generalizability to US abortion care provided by clinicians under their licensed scope of practice will be given priority.

Proposals must be positioned to produce empirical evidence with a clear, concrete, and strategic path to influencing clinical education and training, public policy, health service delivery systems, and/or other structures that support the abortion care workforce. Teams must be attentive to the Society's [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Vision](#).

Funds and duration

We invite proposals for research studies with budgets up to \$75,000 that can be completed within 18 months. We anticipate supporting up to four research projects via this funding opportunity. Funding is also available to cover processing fees associated with two open-access publications, provided the work is published within two years of grant completion.

Eligibility

Grants will be made to organizations on behalf of a named principal investigator (PI). Grants are limited, without exception, to tax-exempt organizations. Applicants do not need to be members of the Society. Funding is limited to projects focused on the US.

Application submission opens on

April 7, 2025 and closes **July 7, 2025**



Review process

All proposals will undergo peer review using specific criteria. The goal of peer review is to make recommendations for enhancing the research proposal and to identify the projects with the greatest potential impact. The funder of these awards may also be involved in selecting grants; this helps ensure that the research funded through the Society is one of many strategic components working together to strengthen the family planning sector.

All eligible proposals will be reviewed according to the following criteria. For more information about the review process, please see the [proposal review guide](https://bit.ly/4j6w3tZ): <https://bit.ly/4j6w3tZ>

Relevance (10%)

The Society seeks to fund projects that generate data on the composition of clinicians providing abortion care and the volume of abortions by clinician type in the post-*Dobbs* period.

Impact (20%)

The Society seeks to fund projects that are positioned to produce empirical evidence with a clear, concrete, and strategic path to influencing clinical education and training, public policy, health service delivery systems, and/or other structures that support the abortion care workforce.

Methods (50%)

The Society seeks to fund methodologically sound and rigorous projects.

Team positionality (10%)

The Society seeks to fund projects demonstrating thoughtful reflection on how team members' race and ethnicity, and other relevant identities and lived experiences, influence the project. The Society prioritizes study teams that elevate the expertise and skills of Black and Indigenous researchers and researchers of color.

Team expertise (10%)

The Society seeks to fund projects led by teams with the necessary skills, backgrounds, perspectives, and/or lived experiences to successfully carry out the project.

Proposal instructions

1. Online application form:

Includes contact and demographic information for the PI, and contact information for the institution, study team, and parties responsible for accounts payable and grants management if the project is funded. The [application form is linked here](#), and on page 6.

2. Summary (250 words):

Provide a brief summary of the proposed project. This information may be used in our newsletter and website and for other educational and promotional purposes should the application be funded.

3. Proposal narrative (7-9 pages):

All proposals should include:

Background: Describe the issue and explain how the proposed research project will produce empirical evidence with a clear, concrete, and strategic path to influencing clinical education and training, public policy, health service delivery systems, and/or other structures that support the abortion care workforce.

Research question(s): Include the question(s) that will be answered through the proposed project.

Methods: Describe the research methods that will be used to answer the research question(s) with attention to the data sources that will be examined, the time period spanned by the proposed data, and the generalizability of data to abortion care provided by clinicians under their licensed scope of practice in the US. Sample size should be based on power calculations or other appropriate methods as determined by the study approach; sample size should account for subgroup analyses as appropriate.

Use of research results: Narrate the target audience(s) with whom you plan to share your research findings, the actions you would like them to take in response to your findings, and the desired outcomes.

Timeline: Describe the timeline for conducting research activities. Data collection and analysis must be feasible to complete within 18 months of receiving the award.

Team positionality: Describe how team members' racial and ethnic identities, alongside other relevant identities and lived experiences, influence the proposed project. Explain how these identities and experiences shape the proposed project's design, feasibility, and impact. Please refer to these [recommendations](#) for information about positionality. Note that the Society prioritizes study teams that elevate the expertise and skills of Black and Indigenous researchers and researchers of color.

Team expertise: Describe team members' expertise, specifying their skills, backgrounds, perspectives, and/or lived experiences as they relate to the project.

References: Works cited should be listed as an appendix to the proposal; the reference page is not included in the 7-9 pages of the proposal narrative.

Proposal instructions (continued)

4. Budget and budget narrative:

The budget maximum for this award is \$75,000. The budget narrative must provide sufficient detail to assess feasibility and suitability in the peer review process and justify the requested resources' relevance to the project's success. Additional secured or requested funds for the proposed project must be named, if applicable. Direct project costs include personnel, research expenses (eg, equipment, supplies, travel, materials), activities related to the use of research results, and other related costs. Indirect costs are permitted at no more than 20% of the total direct costs. For subcontracts and sub-awards, the budget itself may include the 20% indirect cost charges, but the subcontract total may not be included in the main budget when calculating the overall indirect cost charges. Budget documents should be included as an appendix and are not included in the 7-9 pages of the proposal narrative.

5. Team information:

NIH-style biosketches are encouraged for all established scientists. Professional resumes are encouraged for those whose careers have not focused on research. Team members can submit the format that works best for the individuals on the team; however, each submitted biosketch or resume should not exceed 10 pages. These documents must be included as an appendix and are not included in the 7-9 pages of the proposal narrative.

6. Tax exempt status:

Proof of the agency/institution's tax-exempt status determination letter must be included as an appendix. Documentation should also be included for subcontracts with tax exempt organizations that exceed 20% of the budget. These documents must be included as an appendix and are not included in the 7-9 pages of the proposal narrative.



Required formatting


Please use a font size that is at least 11 points and 1.5 line spacing. Upload all materials as a single PDF file. All proposals must be submitted electronically through the [online application portal](#).

Submission deadline

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Questions

The Society welcomes the opportunity to provide clarification around or assistance with any components of the application. Please contact Grants@SocietyFP.org.



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