



FERTILITY MATCH



Intended Parent Guide

*everything you need to know about
egg donation in Canada*

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Why Choose Fertility Match?

Selecting the right Agency to help you build your family is so important. This is one of the most important investments you will make in your life, and you need an organization that will represent your best interests and listen to all of your questions, concerns and challenges. Fertility Match provides unique solutions for your unique situation.

Our founders and program directors have extensive experience in the fertility sector. Lisa Casselman is a retired two-time Gestational Surrogate. Liz Ellwood is an Intended Parent who needed an Egg Donor and Gestational Surrogate to have her own daughter. Liz and Lisa have over 15 years' experience in the field and know the ins and outs of third party reproduction in Canada.



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I decided to donate my eggs because I know the love and joy that comes from being a parent. I wanted to be able to help someone grow their family.

- S, Fertility Match Egg Donor

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The Fertility Match Difference

All of our Egg Donors are young women who want to help build families. We work closely with our clients and their clinics to ensure that everyone has the best journey possible. Our Core Values define how we operate and work with our clients.

Respect

We treat Intended Parents and Egg Donors with the utmost respect and compassion as we assist you in navigating your individual journeys.

Support

We have been in your position. We know that by supporting you and facilitating the appropriate communication between all parties we will make this journey the very best it can be, for everyone.

Trust

We understand that you are putting your trust in us. We will always be transparent and professional, and act in the best interests of our clientele – Intended Parents and Egg Donors alike.

Integrity

We will always be driven by integrity, honesty and impartiality when dealing each other, our clients and our partners in the reproductive field.

Becoming a Parent Through Egg Donation

At Fertility Match, we understand the emotions you are feeling and the challenges that have brought you here, as well as those that lie ahead. However you've arrived here, we will treat you with compassionate, effective and professional guidance at every step of your journey to your family.

Becoming a parent through egg donation is a unique and beautiful experience. Needing an Egg Donor – for any reason – doesn't make you any less of a parent than anyone else. At Fertility Match, we know that it is LOVE that makes a family.



About Our Egg Donors

Our Egg Donors are amongst the best and brightest young women. These young women truly want to help deserving parents build their families. When we ask our Donors why they decided to become Egg Donors, they tell us about friends and coworkers who struggled to get pregnant; about the cancer patients or survivors they know or work with who are questioning their own reproductive future; about their deep convictions that everyone deserves the chance to make their families a reality.

Our screening process is extensive and attracts educated, intelligent and dependable women to our program. Our Program Directors have one-on-one calls with each and every Egg Donor in our program to ensure they fully understand the commitment they are making. We also medically pre-screen Egg Donors in our program to ensure that they are fertile and eligible to donate before collecting fees from our Intended Parents. We organize psychological counselling for all of our Donors to be sure that they understand egg donation and are emotionally ready to donate. Once you have selected a Donor, we will organize the remainder of the medical screening through a fertility centre.



We are in direct and ongoing contact with all of the Egg Donors in our program. Our team takes great pride in getting to know each and every one of them personally and facilitating the best journey for them. The Egg Donors you see on our database are ready and eager to move forward with the donation process, helping you to achieve your dreams of a family as quickly as possible.

We believe in finding the best people possible, and will work to help you find an Egg Donor that matches your criteria.



Qualifying Factors for Fertility Match Intended Parents

At Fertility Match, we work with people who value the same things that we do. We pride ourselves on our individualized, personal service and are looking for Intended Parents who value this approach. If you have the support and desire to make egg donation a successful, positive experience, Fertility Match is right for you.

- 🌸 You must currently be a patient of or are in the process of being referred to an IVF clinic and/or have received medical advice that Egg Donation is warranted.
- 🌸 You are pursuing Egg Donation due to age, sexual orientation, medical reasons, or relationship status.
- 🌸 You are willing to undergo a criminal background check.
- 🌸 You have a good support system of family and friends.
- 🌸 You have a sound understanding of the dynamics of third-party reproduction and implications building a family will have on the child or children you create.
- 🌸 You have a good understanding of and are willing to accept the financial cost and process that lies ahead with Egg Donation.
- 🌸 You are willing to complete our Application Forms so we can get to know you a bit more.

If you meet these requirements, please reach out to us. We would love to learn more about your story and help you make your family a reality.

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Liz and Lisa took the time to really get to know us and understand our journey and our needs. It was so easy to talk to them. They have come to feel like team members, cheering us on, and stepping in for support through the process when we've needed it. They coach us, hope with us, get nervous with us, and get excited with us!

-J&T, Fertility Match Intended Parents

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The Application & Egg Donation Process

If you're reading this guide, you have already taken the first step towards making your dream of family reality! Once you have made your initial contact with us, we will direct you to book a call with one of our Program Directors.

On that call, we will discuss the individual circumstances that have lead you to exploring egg donation with Fertility Match. Then, we will go over the details of our Egg Donation Program as they would apply to your situation and review the program costs.

After this call, we will send you a link to our Intended Parents Egg Donation Program Application. This application will tell us a bit more about you as well as what you're looking for in an Egg Donor. Once we receive your application, we will be in contact to help set you up with an account to view profiles of potential Egg Donors!








Once you select an Egg Donor, we will invoice you for all fees and trust amounts for the donation and send you the Fertility Match Intended Parent Egg Donation Program contract. Once the contract has been signed, we will begin working with agreed upon clinic to complete the Donor's screening. Once your selected Egg Donor has been medically cleared, we will schedule counselling sessions for both you and your Donor to ensure that everyone is emotionally ready for this process. Once the counselling reports come in and are approved, we will refer your Donor to her lawyer and begin the legal process. Once the legal contracts are in place, your donation cycle can begin! We will manage your Donor's appointments, travel arrangements, and reimbursable expenses throughout this process.

Egg Donation Program Fees

Estimated Program Fees

 Consulting fee (proven fertility)	\$8,000 + HST
 Consulting fee (pre-screened Donor)	\$6,000 + HST
 Consulting fee (first-time Donor)	\$4,000 + HST
Egg Donor reimbursable expenses trust	\$8,000
Cost of Donor's legal representation	\$1,000
Screening travel costs (may vary due to Donor's proximity to IVF centre)	\$500
Cycle travel costs (varies by Donor's proximity to IVF centre)	\$1,000-\$5,000

Other Costs

Intended Parent legal fees (payable to lawyer)	\$1,500 + HST
Clinic fees (payable to clinic)	Please see clinic for fees
Medication fees (payable to clinic)	\$4,000-\$8,000

Payment Schedule

The consulting fees, reimbursable trust amount, and medical screening trust for your Egg Donor will be due upon selecting a Donor with Fertility Match. Once the program agreement and your full account balance has been paid, your Donor will be officially reserved for you. Your Donor's travel and legal trusts will be due once your Donor has been medically screened.

Your legal fees will be due to your lawyer upon drafting the ovum donation agreement and are payable directly to them. Fertility centres will require payment for treatment and medication at varying times, but will explain to you directly when payments are due. Some fertility centres offer financing programs. Based on previous client experience, we have found the most cost effective way to finance this journey is to apply for a line of credit with your bank or financial institution. We have also partnered with iFinance to provide you with a variety of financing options for your journey. Please ask us if this is something you would like to explore for your journey.

It is sometimes necessary to top up the travel trust account because a Donor needs to make more visits to the fertility centre than originally estimated. Fertility Match will make you aware if this is necessary. While we make every effort to avoid this, it can happen due to a Donor requiring more appointments than the average, or unexpectedly high costs for train/plane tickets or accommodations in the city the donation is organized in.

A couple is shown from the waist down, holding hands. They are wearing blue jeans and light-colored sweaters. The background is a soft, out-of-focus outdoor setting. A teal rectangular box is overlaid on the upper left portion of the image, containing white text and a quote icon.

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My husband and I found Fertility Match through a recommendation from our lawyer and we could not be happier with our choice! We wanted an agency that was going to be of high integrity, legally sound, and was looking out for our best interests. From the first phone call with Liz and Lisa we knew right away they were “The One”!

-A&S, Fertility Match Intended Parents

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Frequently Asked Questions

Will my Egg Donor know who I am?

All of our Egg Donors are **Semi-Anonymous Donors** or **Open-ID Donors**. This means that you will not know their identity and they will not know yours. However, any children born as a result of an egg donation will be able to contact the Fertility Match or their lawyer to access the identity of their Egg Donor once they turn 18, if they wish to. All of the Donors in our program have agreed to meet any children that results from their donations at this time. Donors are not able to reach out to any children born as a result of their donation. This process can only be initiated by a child or children born from their donation.



Do I have to tell my child they were conceived through egg donation?

The vast majority of medical and psychological professionals agree that being honest with your child about their conception and genetic history is the best course of action. At Fertility Match, we believe in research-based practices, and the research shows that children who know from the beginning that they are Donor-conceived are healthier and happier than those who find out later in life. In our program, we emphasize the importance of telling your child about their genetic history.

Do you work with all kinds of Intended Parents?

We work with all Intended Parents who are seeking an Egg Donor due to medical, age-related, or relationship status-related reasons, as well as couples looking for an Egg Donor due to their sexual orientation.



Contact Us

Thank you for considering Fertility Match for your egg donation journey – we are honoured to be a part of every single one of our clients' journeys. You've already taken the first steps towards building your family, and we are thrilled to be here to help you along the way.

You can contact **Liz Ellwood**, Co-founder and Director, by email at liz@fertilitymatch.ca.

Lisa Casselman, Co-founder and Director, can be reached by email at lisa@fertilitymatch.ca.

Our program support can be reached through our general email at info@fertilitymatch.ca.



Egg donation gives a blue print.

*But you will shape
who your child becomes.*

