

## RCN Research and Development Co-ordinating Centre

### 1. RCN 2010 annual international nursing research conference

11 - 13 May 2010, The Sage Gateshead, England

The early bird rate has been extended to 28 February 2010. The draft final announcement is now available online.

Website: <http://www.rcn.org.uk/research2010>

## RCN Research Society

### 2. London regional Research Society (LoRRS) meeting

26 January 2010, 16:00 - 18:00, Room 211, RCN HQ, London, England

Speakers:

- i) Dr. Ann McMahon. Update on the work of the RCN Research Society
- ii) Dr. Lesley Baillie. Findings from Dr. Baillie's doctorate research on the meaning of privacy & dignity & maintaining this in the acute setting

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## Career Development Opportunities

### 3. Neonatal senior staff nurse (combined clinical/research role), Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust

Agenda for Change Band 6. Full Time: The combination of clinical/research hours are negotiable. However there is a requirement that a minimum of 18.75 hours per week are clinical. Permanent post (Clinical hours); 3 years fixed term (Research hours).

The Neonatal Unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital is actively participating in research studies. We are seeking enthusiastic nurses to support, promote and expand the research portfolio. This innovative post provides the opportunity to gain and practice new skills whilst maintaining clinical competence and developing your management and leadership capabilities. You will be RN, RN Child or RM with both a recognised neonatal and teaching qualification and recent neonatal intensive care experience.

Website: <http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/cgi-bin/vacdetails.cgi?selection=912414337>

Closing date for applications: 31 January 2010

### 4. Lead clinical research specialist, Heart of Birmingham Teaching PCT

Agenda for Change Band 7. Full-time, permanent.

The successful individual will provide expert advice and leadership in research and will develop research activities in relation to evidence based practice. Clinical experience at a senior level and previous experience as an active researcher who can provide evidence of effective change management and leadership is essential to the post. For further information please contact Angela Knight-Jackson, R&D Programme Manager, Tel: 0121 255 0718.

Website: <http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/cgi-bin/vacdetails.cgi?selection=912411909>

Closing date for applications: 29 January 2010

## Research Funding

### 5. Research Funding

We are now working alongside RDInfo, part of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), to bring you funding opportunities of relevance to the nursing and midwifery community. Whether you are looking for small or large amounts, to fund PhD's, or attendance at a local conference, the reality is there will always be more requests than funding available. Anecdotal evidence suggests that only 1 in 7 bids for funding is successful; whilst not intended to be disheartening, it is sensible to be pragmatic when applying for funding, and to follow the principle of "if at first you don't succeed, try, try again". The following funding opportunities have deadlines in the next 3 months:

i) **Foundation of Nursing Studies - Advancing Healthcare Practice.** Funding of up to 3,000 GBP is available for each project team. **[Deadline: 29 January 2010]**

ii) **Children's Liver Disease Foundation - CLDF Research Award.** The Foundation is making available 200,000GBP for research to start in June 2010. **[Deadline: 29 January 2010]**

iii) **Iolanthe Midwifery Trust - Iolanthe Midwives.** Awards Up to 1,000 GBP each. **[Deadline: 29 January 2010]**

iv) **Iolanthe Midwifery Trust - Tricia Anderson Award.** This is an annual award of 1,000 GBP. The money is expected to be spent usually within one year and definitely within a maximum of 24 months of commencement of the award. **[Deadline: 29 January 2010]**

v) **Iolanthe Midwifery Trust - Iolanthe Student Awards.** Maximum of 1,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 29 January 2010]**

vi) **Northern Ireland Chest Heart and Stroke Association - Research Training for Nurses and Other AHPs.** The value of the grant will range up to a maximum of 6,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 30 January 2010]**

vii) **Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness (FSHI) - Postgraduate Awards** The award is worth 44,000 GBP over 4 years. 8,000 GBP p.a. to the student and 3,000 GBP p.a. to the department for a PhD on any medical sociological topic. **[Deadline: 31 January 2010]**

viii) **Hospital Infection Society - The Mike Emmerson Young Investigator Award.** The grants will be available for a sum up to 10,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 01 February 2010]**

ix) **Royal College of Nursing - Margaret Parkinson Scholarship Awards for Pre-registration Graduates.** Up to 1,000 GBP per annum. **[Deadline: 01 February 2010]**

x) **Leverhulme Trust - Emeritus Fellowships.** The maximum value of a Fellowship is 22,000 GBP. Eligible costs include: travel and subsistence costs for periods away from home; the employment of a research, clerical or secretarial assistant to support (rather than conduct) the work of the applicant; photocopies; photographic expenses; office or laboratory consumables. **[Deadline: 02 February 2010]**

xi) **Association for Perioperative Practice - Education and Research Fellowship Fund.** You can apply for funding to attend courses, conferences, study days or to undertake research to a maximum of 5,000 GBP over a three year period. **[Deadline: 10 February 2010]**

xii) **Help the Aged - Clinical Research Fellowship.** Total cost maximum 275,000 GBP over 3 years. 'Salary' should provide for salary, National Insurance and pension costs. Candidates may not request a salary greater than that of a non-clinical research fellow. **[Deadline: 11 February 2010]**

xiii) **Help the Aged - PhD Studentships.** RIA's PhD Studentships are offered at a fixed annual value of 23,500 GBP (outside London) and 24,500 GBP (London) **[Deadline: 11 February 2010]**

xiv) **Help the Aged - Research Fellowships.** Funds to a maximum of 225,000 GBP over three years are available for the Fellow's salary, NI and superannuation, and for research expenses including consumables, travel directly related to the research, clinical costs, volunteers' expenses,

animal costs and essential equipment. Research expenses should not normally exceed 15,000 GBP a year. Clinically qualified candidates may not request a salary greater than that of a non-clinical research fellow. **[Deadline: 11 February 2010]**

xv) **Asthma UK - Asthma UK Foundation Grants.** Capped at 50,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 12 February 2010]**

xvi) **Royal College of Nursing - RCN Dementia Nursing Care Practice Development Bursary Scheme.** The maximum amount awarded will not exceed 2,500 GBP. The funding may not be used for any of the following: - retrospective activity, i.e. for any activity completed before 30th April 2010 - salaries, subsistence, or replacement staff costs - purchase of equipment e.g. IT or books which may be used on a personal basis after completion of the study. **[Deadline: 15 February 2010]**

xvii) **Royal College of Nursing - The Barbers Company Clinical Nursing Scholarship.** The Scholarship is up to 5,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 28 February 2010]**

xvi) **British Fertility Society - Travel Bursary Scheme.** Value of each award is 250 GBP. **[Deadline: 28 February 2010]**

xvii) **Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland - Larger Grants.** Up to 40,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 01 March 2010]**

xviii) **Royal College of Nursing - Margaret Parkinson Bursaries.** Funds will assist with the costs of gaining experience. **[Deadline: 01 March 2010]**

xix) **Leverhulme Trust - Early Career Fellowships.** The Trust will contribute 50% of each Fellow's total salary costs up to a maximum of £23,000 per annum; the balance is to be paid by the host institution. Given the prestige of the awards, each fellow may seek research expenses up to £6,000 to further his or her research activities. **[Deadline: 11 March 2010]**

xx) **Healing Foundation (The) - HF/BBA Student Elective Awards.** **[Deadline: 12 March 2010]**

xxi) **Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths - Short Term Training Fellowship.** A flexible approach will be adopted depending upon the need, justification and demand. Individual requests would not be expected to exceed 5,000 GBP. **[Deadline: 12 March 2010]**

xxii) **Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland - Carnegie Scholarship.** The annual value of a Scholarship will be £14,400 for the academic year 2008-2009 and will normally rise in line with awards funded by the Research Councils. The Trust will also meet the cost of approved fees payable by Scholars to their Universities and/or Colleges. **[Deadline: 15 March 2010]**

xxiii) **Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland - Caledonian Research Foundation Scholarships.** The annual value of a Scholarship will be £14,400 for the academic year 2008-2009 and will normally rise in line with awards funded by the Research Councils. The Trust will also meet the cost of approved fees payable by Scholars to their Universities and/or Colleges. **[Deadline: 15 March 2010]**

xxiv) **Caledonian Research Foundation - Research Scholarships.** The annual value of a Scholarship was £13,500 for the academic year 2006-07 and will normally rise in line with studentships funded by the Research Councils. **[Deadline: 15 March 2010]**

xxv) **Royal College of Nursing - Hettie C. Hopkins Care of the Elderly Nursing Scholarship.** Funds will help to support the costs of undertaking a project. **[Deadline: 31 March 2010]**

xxvi) **Wounds UK - Innovations in Leg Ulcers.** The award has three winners. 1,000 GBP to the overall winner, and 250 GBP to each of the 2 highly commended entries. **[Deadline: 31 March 2010]**

xxvii) **Royal College of Nursing - Alun Islwyn Giles Memorial Nursing Scholarship.** The funding will assist with the costs of a project or a study course. **[Deadline: 31 March 2010]**

xxviii) **British Association of Critical Care Nurses (BACCN) - Grants.** Up to 500 GBP. **[Deadline: 31 March 2010]**

xxix) **Royal College of Nursing - The Ethicon Nurse Educational Trust Fund.** Funding can be used to support a wide range of activities from postgraduate education to conference attendance. **[Deadline: 02 April 2010]**

xxx) **Novo Nordisk UK Research Foundation - Course of Study Fund.** A course of study up to 2,000 GBP (up to 5 awards). Small clinical project up to 2,000 GBP (up to 3 awards). Attendance at a national or international meeting up to 1,000 GBP (up to 5 awards). **[Deadline: 12 April 2010]**

xxxi) **Queen's Nursing Institute Scotland (QNIS) - Projects.** The project funding available is usually between 2,000 GBP and 10,000 GBP, although consideration for a higher level of funding may be given to quality project applications. The funding does not usually cover the cost of procurement of computer equipment or use of office premises. **[Deadline: 16 April 2010]**

xxxii) **Chief Scientist Office (CSO - Scotland) - Primary Care Research Career Awards.** Awards will be for periods of up to five years, will allow research commitments of 2-5 sessions per week and will cover the appropriate share of salary. **[Deadline: 23 April 2010]**

## 6. Molnlycke Health Care Wound Academy Scholarships and Awards 2009-2010

The annual Molnlycke Scholarships and Awards offer practitioners the chance to win 1,500 GBP worth of personal and professional development to improve practice and raise their profile. You can apply yourself or be nominated by a colleague. There are two scholarships, one for an experienced practitioner with a minimum of two years full-time experience in wound care, and one for a novice practitioner who has been in post for less than two years. There are also two awards. The team award is for teams established for a minimum of 12 months minimum, whilst the tissue viability champion award is presented to an individual who has championed or made a contribution to the development of the tissue viability in their local area. Full information on the criteria for entry, along with the entry forms, is available on the website

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Website: <http://www.molnlycke.co.uk>

Closing date for applications: 12 February 2010

## Current Research Commissions

### 7. Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation (EME) programme

The EME programme is funded by the MRC and managed by the NIHR as the lead organisation for clinical trials and evaluation. The EME programme is broadly aimed at supporting science driven studies with an expectation of substantial health gain. The clinical studies are likely to be mostly randomised controlled trials but other forms of evaluation appropriate for the intervention under study will also be supported. The EME programme is an ongoing research funding opportunity. Applicants are welcome to submit a preliminary application at any time, however there are three submission deadlines each year.

Website: <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/proposals/Pages/default.aspx>

The submission deadline for consideration in the next round is 16 March 2010

### 8. National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Programme Grants for Applied Research - Competition 8

Applications are invited from leading research groups for an NIHR Programme Grant for Applied Research award, of up to 2m GBP over a period of three to five years. Each programme grant funds a coherent series of related projects to tackle high priority health issues. Proposals should comprise health services research and/or innovation (e.g. introduction of new technologies), where there is potential gain for patients within the relatively near future, i.e. 'near market' research with application in the NHS within 3-5 years of the end of the funding period. Potential applicants are required to complete a stage 1 grant application form summarising their proposed research programme (in stage 2, full applications will be invited from those meeting the assessment criteria and shortlisted at stage 1).

Website: <http://www.nihr.ac.uk/proposals/Pages/default.aspx>

The deadline for full applications is 15 March 2010.

## Research Training

### 9. European Academy of Nursing Science (EANS) Summer School 2010

28 June - 09 July 2010, Witten/Herdecke, Germany

An opportunity for all nurses and midwives undertaking doctoral studies in Europe. The programme is currently self-funded, therefore potential applicants must meet the costs of travel, accommodation and subsistence. For more information and criteria, see the website.

Website: <http://www.european-academy-of-nursing-science.com/Witten2010.htm>

Deadline for receipt of applications: 28 February 2010

## Research Policy/Strategy

### **10. Welsh Assembly Government (2009), "Post Registration Career Framework for Nurses in Wales", WAG, Cardiff, Wales.**

The framework sets out guidance for nurses, specialist community public health nurses and employers and will assist in shaping future nursing careers in Wales.

Website: <http://wales.gov.uk/docs/phhs/consultation/careerframework/090924reporten.pdf>

### **11. National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Health Technology Assessment programme (HTA) - Suggest a research topic**

The HTA programme commissions research where there is a gap in the knowledge the NHS has about healthcare treatments and tests. It is driven by the needs of those who use, manage, provide care in or develop policy for the NHS. Anyone can suggest a research topic for the HTA programme to consider. Please follow the link to make your suggestion.

Website: <http://www.hta.ac.uk/suggest/>

## Research in Progress

### **12. Vision for the academic libraries and information services of the future. Exploring the challenges faced by higher education and libraries to facilitate strategic planning.**

This visionary project is being funded as part of a joint initiative to explore future scenarios for academic libraries, particularly in the context of a rapidly-changing environment. It will help higher education institutions and organisations look at the challenges faced from a fresh focus and formulate strategies to ensure the sector continues to be a leading global force. The project partners are the British Library, Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC), Research Information Network (RIN), Research Libraries UK (RLUK) and the Society of College, National and University Libraries (SCONUL). A series of workshops will be held during 2010-2011 with the aim of imagining and describing possible futures for libraries. They will bring together a wide range of influential stakeholders, including institutional senior managers, librarians, funders, students, researchers, suppliers, technologists, legal specialists and others. The first two workshops are taking place in February and March 2010 to scope out the broad global environment and consider possible futures for higher education and the information needs of users within these scenarios. These will be followed by smaller focused workshops during the summer of 2010 to gain a more in-depth analysis. For more information, and to be involved in the project, see the website.

Website: <http://www.futurelibraries.info/content/>

## Knowledge Transfer - Finding the Evidence

### 13. Nurse Researcher

Nurse Researcher is an international journal of research methodology in nursing and healthcare. Published quarterly, it is focused primarily on the needs of pre- and post-registration students, practitioners and educators, and contains authoritative papers on the appropriate application and relevance of research methods to nursing and healthcare.

The main aim of the journal is to educate readers in how to evaluate and appreciate research work through increasing their understanding of the methods which underlie it. RCN members can access the full text articles of Nurse Researcher via the RCN Library & Information Services:

Website: <http://www.rcn.org.uk/library/>

The contents of the current issue of Nurse Researcher, Volume 17, Number 2, 2010 includes:

- i) Editorial and Commentary by Leslie Gelling
- ii) Understanding phenomenology by Anne Flood
- iii) Bracketing - practical considerations in Husserlian phenomenological research by Conal Hamill and Helen Sinclair
- iv) Phenomenology and participant feedback: convention or contention? By Caroline Bradbury-Jones, Fiona Irvine and Sally Sambrook
- v) Protecting the rights of individuals in collaborative research by Brenda Happell
- vi) Making research supervision work for you by Nancy-Jane Lee
- vii) Reflections on preparing a poster for an RCN conference by Helen Hand
- viii) Constructing vignettes to investigate anger in multiple sclerosis by Anisha Paddam, David Barnes and Dawn Langdon
- ix) Using social exchange theory to guide successful study recruitment and retention by Lisa McGregor, Karen Parker, Pamela LeBlanc and Kathryn M King
- x) An urgent need to foster young talent. Editor's interview with Anne Marie Rafferty

Website: <http://nurseresearcher.rcnpublishing.co.uk/>

### 14. Royal College of Nursing Library & Information Services e-library

The eRevolution has transformed RCN Library and Information Services. Whether you are at home, at work, or studying, you now have direct access to an exciting range of new and existing services. Use these state-of-the-art services online or in person, by telephone, email, post or fax. Dedicated professional staff are available to help you. Available free to RCN members including:

- \* Online access to content from more than 700 key nursing journals (now in an easy-to-use A-Z list) and over 360 e-books
- \* Reference access to a growing collection of electronic books on topics of interest to nursing staff
- \* Information databases including British Nursing Index, Maternity & Infant Care, ChildData and AgeInfo, as well as Medline and Cinahl
- \* RCN Library Catalogue: details of books and videos held in RCN libraries, online renewals.

#### e-books

Online books available from netlibrary ([www.netlibrary.com/](http://www.netlibrary.com/)) or MyLibrary ([www.mylibrary.com/browse/open.asp](http://www.mylibrary.com/browse/open.asp)) of particular interest to nurses working in research include:

- i) Allen D (2006) The Reality of Nursing Research: Politics, Practices and Processes.
- ii) Cook A et al (2004) Basic Skills in Statistics: A Guide for Healthcare Professionals
- iii) Cox CL & Reyes-Hughes A (2001) Clinical Effectiveness in Practice
- iv) Crosby RA et al (2006) Research Methods in Health Promotion
- v) Dawson J et al (2001) Clinical Effectiveness in Nursing Practice
- vi) Etherington K (2004) Becoming a Reflexive Researcher: Using Our Selves in Research
- vii) Finlay L & Ballinger C (2006) Qualitative Research for Allied Health Professionals: Challenging Choices
- viii) Fitzpatrick JJ & Wallace M (2006) Encyclopedia of Nursing Research
- ix) Gillis A & Jackson W (2002) Research for Nurses: Methods and Interpretation
- x) Gray JA Muir (2001) Evidence-based Healthcare
- xi) Greenhalgh T (2006) How to Read a Paper: The Basics of Evidence Based Medicine
- xii) Hall G M (2003) How to Write a Paper
- xiii) Hignett S (2003) Evidence-based Patient Handling: Tasks, Equipment, and Interventions

- xiv) Johns C & Freshwater D (2005) Transforming Nursing through Reflective Practice (2nd edition)
- xv) Kodish E (2005) Ethics and Research with Children: A case-based Approach
- xvi) McNeill P & Chapman S (2005) Research Methods (3rd edition)
- xvii) Moller A & Pederson T (2006) Evidence-based Anaesthesia and Intensive Care
- xviii) Pope C & Mays N (2006) Qualitative Research in Health Care
- xix) Silagy C & Haines A (2001) Evidence-Based Practice in Primary Care
- xx) Walsh D (2007) Evidence-based Care for Normal Labour and Birth: A Guide for Midwives

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## Knowledge Transfer - Practice Development

### 15. The Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD)

CRD is part of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and is a department of the University of York. CRD, which was established in 1994, is one of the largest groups in the world engaged exclusively in evidence synthesis in the health field. CRD undertakes systematic reviews evaluating the research evidence on health and public health questions of national and international importance. We produce the DARE, NHS EED and HTA databases which are used extensively by health professionals, policy makers and researchers around the world. We also undertake methods research and produce internationally accepted guidelines for undertaking systematic reviews.

#### **CRD databases updated**

This week (13/01 to 19/01/2010) 63 new records have been added to the DARE, NHS EED and HTA databases.

Abstract of the week

**Rapid response teams: a systematic review and meta-analysis.** This review concluded that rapid response team intervention appeared to reduce rates of cardiopulmonary arrest outside the intensive care unit, but that evidence to support their effectiveness in reducing mortality was lacking. This was a generally well-conducted review and the authors' conclusions appear to reflect the evidence, but the robustness of the results should be taken into consideration.

Website: <http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/index.htm>

## Knowledge Transfer - Disseminating Your Research

### 16. Guidelines International Network conference 2010, "Integrating knowledge. Improving outcomes"

25 - 28 August 2010, Chicago, USA

The G-I-N conference 2010 will bring together the various professionals involved in evidence synthesis, guideline development, implementation, quality improvement, and health policy to integrate knowledge and, ultimately, improve patient outcomes.

Website: <http://www.gin2010.org/>

Abstract deadline: 01 February 2010

### 17. University of Stirling Dementia Services Development Centre conference, "Coming of Age: Dementia in the 21st Century"

19 - 21 October 2010, London, England

The conference is aimed at all those who work with and support people with dementia. Confirmed Keynote Speakers: Professor Stephen G Post (USA), Professor Henry Brodaty (AU), Professor Sandrine Andrieu (FR) and Professor Emma Reynish (UK). A number of interesting and pertinent themes have been chosen for the conference and we hope that you will share your knowledge and experience by submitting a paper. RCN members will receive a 10% discount on the standard conference registration fee.

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Closing date for abstracts: 10 March 2010

### 18. Nursing Inquiry, "Call for papers on critical realism in health research"

An upcoming special issue of Nursing Inquiry will be devoted to Critical Realism, a meta-theoretical perspective used increasingly in many disciplines to guide research. Recent discussions have centred on the relevance of its tenets to health research and program evaluation. This special issue seeks papers that extend this discussion into the methodological realm by addressing how critical realism can and should be used to inform or underpin research into health. Contributions are sought that explain approaches to inquiry and report findings from studies guided by critical realism in areas such as: health services evaluation; health policy; health disparities; health behaviours, decision-making, community health; chronic illness; gender and health; and care-giving. For inquiries on the special issue on critical realism, please contact Alexander M Clark, email: [alex.clark@ualberta.ca](mailto:alex.clark@ualberta.ca). Nursing Inquiry is an international peer-reviewed journal. All submissions should be made online. Please include indication in your cover letter that you wish the article to be considered for the 'Special issue on critical realism'.

Website: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/nin>

Deadline for submission: 01 October 2010

## Events

### 19. Trent Paediatric Society & Trent Local Children's Research Network 3rd annual conference

11 February 2010, Eastwood Hall, Eastwood, Nottingham, England

Website: <http://www.trent-mcrn.org.uk/viewevent.php?id=37>

### 20. RCN Events

Now, more than ever, it is important to keep up to date with the ever-changing world of nursing and health care. RCN conferences and events can help you understand current issues relevant to your everyday practice, such as nurse prescribing, the expanding role of the nurse and policy issues. The new look RCN Bulletin has a comprehensive listing of events taking place in each of the 4 countries of the UK, and is delivered free to members fortnightly. Alternatively, look at the RCN website.

Spotlight on

i) **Improving nutritional care in your organisation**, 25 February 2010, Birmingham and 24 March 2010, Manchester. These workshops are specially relevant to health and social care practitioners who have the capacity and experience of delivering training or practice development initiatives in their organisation, including practice development nurses, modern matrons, ward sisters, ward managers,

team leaders, care home managers, patient safety risk managers and dietitians amongst others.  
Contact: Victoria Langley, Email: [Victoria.langley@rcn.org.uk](mailto:Victoria.langley@rcn.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.rcn.org.uk/newsevents/events>