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Clinical research nursing

The RCN clinical research nurse conference takes place on 3 July in London. Topics include career pathways, impact, and challenges and opportunities in engaging clinical teams in research.

Save the date



PhD studentship

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) East of England (EoE) invites applications for a fully funded PhD studentship around the theme of ageing and multi-morbidity.

Research event

The NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) North East and North Cumbria (NENC) 2020 annual network event, Mind the gap, tackling research inequality, takes place on 4 March in Newcastle. This event is free to attend.

Register now

Arthritis research

Nurses are eligible to apply for clinical research fellowships from Versus Arthritis. The deadline for applications is 26 February.



Research funding

The Burdett Trust for Nursing has issued a call for proposals for their latest grants programme, reducing restrictive interventions.

Apply by 1 February

Research funding opportunities

The following research funding opportunities are relevant for nurse or midwife researchers. Closing dates for February 2020 include the following grants.

- Career development bursary, Healthcare Infection Society, closes 1 February.
- Project grants, Stroke Association, closes 4 February.
- Nurse and allied health professional internship scheme, Versus Arthritis, closes 11 February.
- Research grants, Wellbeing of Women, closes 13 February.
- Project grants, Parkinson's UK, closes 20 February.

You can see more opportunities like these, including fellowships and help to attend conferences, on our research funding web page.

Find funding

Practice development

The Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) practice development school, Developing person-centred, safe and effective cultures through practice development, takes place 26-31 July in East Sussex.

Health care infection

The early career award from the Healthcare Infection Society recognises outstanding innovative contributions in the prevention and control of health careassociated infections from early career clinicians.

Apply by 31 January

Find out more

Sample size

Are you planning a study to evaluate a health care intervention? In this blog, Nick Taub, from the NIHR Research Design Service East Midlands, talks through the Minimum Clinically Important Difference (MCID), a key aspect in any evaluation study.

Developing research careers

Applications are now open for the Welsh Crucible 2020 programme. The programme offers early- and mid-career researchers the chance to build their personal, professional and leadership skills with a view to becoming the future research leaders of Wales.

Apply by 16 February

Read the blog

RCN events

The RCN runs seminars, workshops and conferences throughout the year. Hear about professional nursing issues from expert speakers, exchange ideas with colleagues, and learn about the latest research and innovation in your area of practice.

- Travel health conference, 8 February, London.
- Pain in older people workshop, 26 February, London.
- Fertility nursing conference, 14 March, London.
- Delivering sustainable change event, 3 April, Plymouth.
- Looked after children's nurses conference, 27 April, London.

Alternatively, visit the RCN events pages for full information about the wide-ranging programme of activities.

RCN events

Increasing impact

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Find out more

Research policy

Transforming health through innovation: integrating the NHS and academia, is a new report from the Academy of Medical Sciences. Protecting clinical research time, and ensuring undergraduate curricula equip health care staff with the skills to engage with research are two of the six themes explored in the report.

Read the report

Nightingale 2020

Date: 27-28 October 2020

Location: London

Information: See the website

Transforming the impact of nursing and midwifery on global health and care.

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Conference submissions are being invited in four thematic areas: impact, world health, professionalism, and digital health. These submissions can be for workshops, symposia, panel discussions, debates, open papers and posters. The deadline for submissions has been extended to 19 February. Everyone who submits an abstract, whether successful or not, will be offered a discounted ticket to the conference.

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