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RCN Research Society

The call for abstracts is now open for the 2021 RCN International Nursing Research Conference, taking place 7-9 September in Bristol. The over-arching theme is the value of nursing research in a time of global crisis.

[Submit by 5 March](#)



RCN funding

The RCN Foundation Marcia Mackie Bursary Scheme and Rae Bequest Grants offer financial support to nurses currently registered in the UK and working in Northern Ireland in any sector who wish to

Research impact

The Healthcare Improvement Studies Institute has created a podcast series focusing on the field of health care improvement studies. In each episode, guests explain their research interests

undertake a course or programme that will enhance patient care and develop nursing practice.

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and discuss how their disciplines can potentially contribute to health care improvement research.

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Latest books on research

Available free for RCN members to borrow, recent books added to our collection include [Research impact: guidance on advancement, achievement and assessment](#), by Hugh McKenna.

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Research career

In this blog, [Kaat De Backer](#), a specialist midwife in perinatal mental health, shares her experience of getting into a clinical research career during the COVID-19 pandemic.

[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.

- [Florence Nightingale Comes Home](#), 21 January.
- [Narrative and Structure: with the Royal Literary Fund](#), 22 January.
- [Get online and get ahead with RCN Libraries](#), 26 January.
- [Inaugural Clinical Research Nursing Day](#), 24 February.
- [RCN Children and Young People's Nursing Virtual Conference](#), 26 February.

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

RCN events

Research training

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) doctoral fellowship scheme funds individuals from a range of health and social care professions to undertake a PhD in an area of NIHR research. The fellowship can include up to 20% clinical time.

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Increasing impact

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) provides national guidance to improve health and social care. As an RCN member, your involvement with the development of NICE guidance is crucial, and there are a number of ways you can participate.

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Diabetes research

Discover more about current approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of diabetes in this latest collection from NIHR Evidence.

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Midwifery research funding

The Iolanthe Midwifery Trust invites applications for its grants and awards scheme, open to midwives and student midwives.

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Identifying research priorities

The James Lind Alliance (JLA) brings patients, carers and clinicians together in Priority Setting Partnerships (PSPs) to identify and prioritise the top 10 uncertainties, or unanswered questions, about the effects of treatments. The aim of this is to make sure that health research funders are aware of the issues that matter most to patients and clinicians. Recent areas in which research priorities have been identified include.

- [Blood pressure in pregnancy.](#)
- [Diabetes and pregnancy.](#)
- [Juvenile idiopathic arthritis.](#)
- [Occupational therapy.](#)
- [Pancreatic cancer.](#)

Alternatively, visit the James Lind Alliance website for a complete list of priority setting partnerships.

[Research priorities](#)

Community nursing research

The Community Nursing Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) is working with patients, carers and clinicians to identify uncertainties about community nursing in England, in relation to the provision of nursing care to adults (over 18 years) in their own homes, in community nurse led clinics, or in residential homes.

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