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Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021

Additional appointments to the REF 2021 expert sub-panels are being sought, to address specific gaps in expertise identified by the sub-panels.

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RCN research report

A new study commissioned by the RCN shows that nursing is undervalued in status and pay, and that until both are enhanced, the UK will continue to experience severe nursing shortages.

[Read the report](#)

Innovation funding

The Queen's Nursing Institute is inviting applications to support 10 nurse-led projects that focus on the health improvement of people with complex needs in a primary care setting.

[Apply by 7 April](#)

Cancer research

Macmillan Cancer Support and the National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) are hosting a fully funded three-day residential research workshop on cancer-related fatigue, taking place 16-18 June.

[Apply by 3 May](#)

Research funding

The Health Foundation is inviting proposals for work seeking to better understand the health and wellbeing of lower paid NHS staff. The project is intended to be introductory and exploratory.

[Apply by 23 March](#)

Research funding opportunities

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

- [Clinical research training fellowship \(pre and post doctoral\)](#), Medical Research Council, closes 1 April.
- [Foundation fellowship](#), Versus Arthritis, closes 16 April.
- [Career development award](#), Medical Research Council, closes 22 April.
- [Research training fellowships](#), British Heart Foundation, closes 22 April.
- [Small pilot grants \(Edinburgh\)](#), Tenovus Scotland, closes 24 April.

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

[Find funding](#)

The world of research

Patient experience

Have you ever felt you wanted some simple steps to guide you into the world of research? Check out the following five hints and tips for developing the evidence-based practice aspect of your portfolio, produced by the RCN strategic research alliance team at the University of Sheffield.

[Read the blog](#)

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Dissemination Centre has issued a themed review into patient feedback. Improving care by using patient feedback brings together nine recent NIHR studies looking at how NHS organisations use patient feedback to make improvements to services.

[Read the review](#)

Innovation hub

Nursing Times innovations is a searchable hub of practice development initiatives, containing a range of reports on successful projects. You can find details of why the initiatives were developed, what they achieved, and the challenges they faced and how to address them.

[Search the hub](#)

Quality and safety

Did you know the RCN also produces a fortnightly quality and safety bulletin? It highlights the professional work of the RCN and features all the latest news on the following: quality improvement, patient safety, evidence-based practice, patient and staff-focused care and eHealth.

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Online learning

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are a great way to learn flexibly with the world's top universities, health schools and health care organisations.

- [Critical appraisal techniques for health care literature.](#)
- [Improving health care through clinical research.](#)

- [Measuring and valuing health.](#)
- [Quality improvement in health care: the case for change.](#)
- [What is health research?](#)

Alternatively, have a look at the Future Learn website to see what else is coming up. Most MOOCs are free.

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Research funding

The Health Foundation has launched a new programme for partnerships developing collaborative communities where people, families, health care professionals and researchers work together to improve health care.

[Apply by 20 March](#)

Participating in research

In this blog, research nurse Angus Sturrock shares a moving experience of how an aspiring artist's outlook on life was transformed through joining a clinical trial, aiming to improve mental health treatments.

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