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Clinical research nursing

The RCN Inaugural Clinical Research Nursing Day takes place online on 29 April 2021. A provisional programme is now available.

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RCN Research Society

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

Early career researcher

Are you currently registered on a doctoral programme? Why not consider this development opportunity for an early career researcher to join the scientific committee of the RCN 2021 research conference.

[Submit by 5 March](#)

[Apply by 12 February](#)

Learning disability fellowship

The Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) has announced a new developmental opportunity for aspiring leaders and early career frontline registered learning disability nurses.

[Find out more](#)

Midwifery research

Professor Jane Sandall has been appointed Head of Midwifery Research at NHS England and Improvement. Part of her role will be to design and lead a midwifery research strategy.

[Read more](#)

Research findings

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Evidence website showcases high quality summaries of findings from health and care research, making research informative, accessible, relevant and ready for use for all. Recent examples include:

- [Advance care plans improve quality of life for heart failure patients.](#)
- [Structured nurse ward rounds support accountability and risk management but not nurse-patient communication.](#)
- [People leave hospital after surgery sooner if hospitals follow 'enhanced recovery protocols'.](#)
- [A lifestyle change programme not effective for those at risk of heart disease or stroke.](#)
- [Cancer screening across the world is failing people with mental illness.](#)

Visit NIHR Evidence to read more alerts, highlights and themed reviews.

Further examples

Research funding

Research grants are available from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales Trust. The specific focus of the 2021 call is learning from the COVID-19 pandemic in health and social care: implications for nursing practice.

[Apply by 1 March](#)

Research support

The NIHR Research Design Service North West is running an online event on 11 March for health and social care professionals and researchers who want to develop and submit an application to one of the NIHR funding programmes.

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Research training

Applications are now open for the East Midlands post-doctoral bridging programme. This programme will support individuals with a PhD who wish to develop careers that combine both clinical research and research leadership with continued clinical practice and clinical development.

[Apply by 25 February](#)

Clinical academic careers

Nurses and midwives who wish to develop careers that combine clinical research and research leadership are eligible to apply for pre-doctoral clinical academic fellowships (PCAF). The scheme is run by Health Education England (HEE) and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

[Apply by 18 March](#)

Research funding opportunities

The following research funding opportunities are relevant for nurse or midwife researchers. Closing dates for March 2021 include the following grants:

- [Grants, awards and fellowships](#), Healthcare Infection Society, closes 1 March.
- [Travel grant](#), Society for Endocrinology, closes 10 March.
- [Small pilot grants \(Grampian\)](#), Tenovus Scotland, closes 24 March.
- [Pre-doctoral research bursary](#), Cancer Research UK, closes 25 March.
- [Lymphoedema research grant](#), British Lymphology Society, closes 26 March.

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

[Find funding](#)

Care Homes and COVID-19

In this RCN webinar, taking place on 17 February, hear from two nursing staff about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on care homes and older people's care.

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COVID-19: Mental Health Care

Part of the RCN Nursing a Pandemic series, two nurses talk about their different experiences in mental health care during the pandemic. The webinar takes place on 24 February.

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