



RCN research conference

Have you submitted your abstract yet for the RCN 2018 annual international nursing research conference? The conference provides a supportive, inclusive and non-hierarchical platform for experienced or first-time presenters to showcase research to an international audience and gain constructive feedback. Papers that address current issues facing nursing are particularly welcome. The conference takes place from 16 – 18 April 2018 in Birmingham, UK.

[Submit by 5 November](#)

Clinical research nurses

A strategy setting out the direction of travel for clinical research nurses has been released by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN).

[Read now](#)

Health innovation

Harnessing bright ideas for patient benefit is a free event, organised by the



Mental health research

The Research Councils UK (RCUK) have published a cross-disciplinary mental health research agenda. This document has been developed to strengthen cross-disciplinary research.

[Read more](#)

Research professorships

The NIHR research professorship scheme aims to fund future research

University of Portsmouth and Wessex Academic Health Science Network. Taking place on 29 November in Portsmouth, it will showcase local health innovations from health care and academia.

[Register soon](#)

leaders to promote effective translation of research and strengthen research leadership at the highest academic levels. The scheme is open to all professional backgrounds, including nursing and midwifery.

[Apply by 29 November](#)

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. You can help shape the research priorities in the following areas:

- [psoriasis](#)
- [adult social work](#)
- [living with and beyond cancer](#)
- mental health in children and young people.

Alternatively, visit the [James Lind Alliance website](#) for a complete list of priority setting partnerships.

NIHR fellowship programme

The latest programme is open, with five levels of award available: doctoral, post-doctoral, transitional research, career development and senior research. The scheme is open to all professional backgrounds, including nursing and midwifery. Closing date is 19 December for the doctoral award, and 5 December for the others.

[Apply now](#)

Teaching care homes

If you work in a care home in England, then this new programme from the Foundation of Nursing Studies (FoNS) might be for you. The aim of the programme is to create care centres that demonstrate excellence and innovation in nurse-led care and where the learning environment benefits residents, staff, students and the wider community.

[Apply by 14 November](#)

Clinical academic careers

Health Education England (HEE) and the National Institute for Health Research have produced a new guide, *Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) programme*, which has been designed as a resource for prospective applicants as well as current awardees.

[Download now](#)

Arts in care homes

Using creative arts in care homes can make a big difference to the lives of residents by supporting them to follow their own interests. This resource, developed by the Social Care Institute for Excellence, provides practical ideas on how to get started.

[Find out more](#)

The RCN library and heritage centre co-ordinates events, public lectures and exhibitions throughout the UK. Upcoming events include:

- [New research in the history of nursing: the Monica Baly award winners](#), 26 October, Edinburgh
- [Therapy dogs in health and social care](#), 9 November, Cardiff
- [Confessions of a male nurse: stereotypes and the battle for recognition](#), 23 November, London
- [Thinking critically about gender: trans experiences and history](#), 5 December, London

Alternatively, visit the [RCN library and heritage centre website](#) for full information about the wide ranging programme of activities .

RCN Northern Ireland

There's still time to register for the RCN Northern Ireland Research and Quality (NIRAQ) workshop, *Completing an Integrated Research Application System (IRAS) application*, taking place on 25 October in Belfast.

[Register now](#)

RCN education conference 2018

Don't miss your chance to present your work at this national conference supporting all those involved in educating and developing the nursing workforce. The conference itself takes place from 20-21 March 2018 in Newcastle.

[Abstracts by 23 October](#)

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