

Research and Innovation Bulletin

Second research excellence framework

The four UK higher education funding bodies are consulting on detailed arrangements for research assessment in a second research excellence framework. The consultation includes proposals to reduce the burden associated with the process while maintaining and improving incentives for research excellence. Shape the RCN's response to this paper by emailing us with your comments by 28 February.



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Free systematic reviews courses

Cochrane have intensive two-day training courses across the island of Ireland to build awareness and capacity in conducting and using systematic reviews.

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Explore what nursing education should look like in workshops at the RCN's education conference in March. You'll discuss the NMC's proposals and your findings will go back to them to help with future development.

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RCN research conference news

The three keynote speakers confirmed for 2017 are Professor Trish Greenhalgh OBE from the University of Oxford; Jane Ball from the University of Southampton; and Professor Sally Kendall from the University of Kent.

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- [2017 grant round](#) for a PhD studentship; innovative grant; project grants; or junior fellowships MS Society, closes 6 February
- [Barbers' Company Clinical Nursing Scholarship](#) RCN Research Institute, closes 28 February
- [mechanisms of action of health interventions](#) Efficacy and Mechanism Evaluation Programme, closes 14 March
- [research project grants or travel awards](#) British Infection Association, closes 31 March.

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Health Education England is funding to train 50 practices across North West England to deliver practice nurse-led group consultations.

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