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Develop clinical research with practice

Frontline clinicians are perfectly placed to design the research questions that really matter to patients.

There's a clinical academic programme to help you to achieve this and it's open for applications from nurses and midwives. You'll need to apply by 27

April for the clinical lectureship and the senior clinical lectureship or by 18 May if you'd like to apply for the clinical doctoral research fellowship.



Find out more

Help shape research

There are roles for nurses and others on the National Institute for Health Research's advisory boards and panels. Apply by 21 April ...more

Early career awards

Fellowships for early career researchers who'll ask challenging questions on mental health research. Apply by 25 April ...more

Research cancer

Funding of up to £250,000 is available for projects in primary care; terminal cancer; or using digital technology. Apply by 8 May ...more

RCN nursing research conference

Our many thanks go to the 77 panel members from 14 countries who reviewed the abstracts for our nursing research conference in Oxford on 5 to 7 April. Follow the event on Twitter using the #research2017 hashtag.

Read more

Three ways to spot a bad statistic

US data journalist Mona Chalabi gave a TED talk about how it can be hard to know what statistics are worthy of trust. This talk is available to see online or if you prefer to read it, there's an online transcript.

Watch or read it

The following research funding opportunities are relevant for nurse or midwife researchers. Closing dates in April, May and June include these grants:

- PhD studentships and non-clinical fellowships Motor Neurone Disease Association, closes 28 April
- project grants Parkinson's UK, closes 24 May
- project grants Diabetes Research UK, closes 1 June
- skin health and disease in older people UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network, closes 29 June.

You can see more opportunities like these offered by charities and government agencies on our research funding web page.

Fostering a culture of effectiveness

A five-day school for nurses and allied health professionals in July designed to help practitioners explore the key aspects of practice development, develop as leaders and be more effective in practice.

Top 10 research priorities

The priority setting partnership publishes a shortlist on the most important unanswered questions by illness. The top priorities in 2017 so far look at cystic fibrosis and emergency medicine.

Lymphology evidence

Present a paper or a poster on lymphology at a conference in October. It can take the form of research studies; audits; or literature reviews. Closing date is 28 May. ...more

Spring bursary offers

The RCN Foundation has three bursaries, each offering nurses and midwives funding of up to £5,000 for learning and development opportunities. Apply by 31 May. ...more

Cochrane podcasts

Each podcast offers a short summary of a Cochrane evidence review. They are available in 33 languages and you can see/hear the review in under five minutes. ...more

Develop research capability

Nurses who'd like to develop their research capability may find a listing of UK postgraduate research training opportunities useful.

Putting innovation into practice

An implementation paper reviews the evidence on putting innovation into practice to improve health care.

Read the paper











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