



Happy New Year

Welcome to the first issue of the RCN research and innovation bulletin for 2018. This edition includes several research funding opportunities, as we know they are always popular items. We will endeavour to include more of these in future issues. As it's never too early to prepare funding bids, we also have a dedicated webpage for research funding that spans the whole year. As always, do keep suggesting items for inclusion to us.

[Research funding](#)

Research capacity

The number of senior-level fellowships in nursing and midwifery remains relatively low, according to the 2017 UK-wide survey of clinical and health research fellowships.

[Read the report](#)

Funding opportunity

The General Nursing Council and Margaret Callum Rodger awards are used by registered nurses and midwives in Scotland to undertake educational



Cancer patient experience

The conference *Cancer experience: approaches to capturing patient experience of cancer care*, takes place on 2 June 2018 in Sheffield. Abstracts are invited.

[Submit by 16 January](#)

Mental health research

The data science award from MQ: transforming mental health, allows investigators to produce a well-defined piece of work and expand the use of data

developments, study tours or carry out small scale projects, which must make a difference to patient or client care.

[Apply by 17 January](#)

resources for mental health research while at the same time further developing the skills base in this complex field.

[Apply by 22 January](#)

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

- [research training fellowship](#), Dunhill Medical Trust, closes 2 February
- [implementation grants](#), Alzheimer's Society, closes 2 February
- [travel grant](#), Society for Endocrinology, closes 14 March
- [Harry Keen intermediate clinical fellowship](#), Diabetes UK, closes 19 March
- [project grants](#), Borne Foundation/Action Medical Research, closes 27 March.

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

Scoliosis research

The British Scoliosis Research Foundation offers research grants to appropriately qualified health care professionals, including nurses. Applications are welcome for small exploratory grants, new investigation grants, and major research grants.

[Apply by 31 January](#)

NHS research

NHS England have issued a consultation, *Supporting research in the NHS*, covering changes to simplify arrangements for research in the NHS and associated changes to the terms of the NHS standard contract. The consultation runs until 1 February 2018.

[Read the consultation](#)

Summer school

The European Academy of Nursing Science 2018 summer school takes place from 2-13 July in Ghent, Belgium. It is designed for nurses at an early stage in their doctoral studies.

Older people research

The Abbeyfield Research Foundation seeks applications for studentships, small project grants and pump-priming grants that clearly demonstrate how they will benefit older people.

Apply by 31 January

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The RCN runs seminars, workshops and conferences throughout the year. Hear about professional nursing issues from expert speakers, exchange ideas with colleagues, and learn about the latest research and innovation in your area of practice.

- [Contemporary challenges in fertility nursing](#), 17 March, London
- [Women's health conference](#), 22 March, London
- [Education forum conference](#), 20-21 March, Newcastle-upon-Tyne
- [International nursing research conference](#), 16-18 April, Birmingham

Alternatively, visit the [RCN events pages](#) for full information about the wide ranging programme of activities.

Research impact

Health care researchers at the University of Leeds are running a series of free workshops for clinical staff. The workshops aim to bring researchers and practitioners together to discuss the impact of research on practice and opportunities for a clinical academic career. Topics cover maternal, child and family, older people and adult care.

[Find out more](#)

Care home research

Find out about the latest care home research conducted by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRCs). The event, held in November 2017, showcased a variety of regional research that has national application and significance.

[Read the blog](#)

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