



### Clinical academic careers

The Health Education England (HEE) and National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Integrated Clinical Academic (ICA) Programme provides personal research training awards for health care professionals. The chairs' report from round 3 of the programme is now available. This report summarises commonly observed weaknesses in applications to ICA personal award competitions, and provides advice and useful resources for prospective Round 4 applicants.

[Read the report](#)

### Research funding

Research grants are available from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. The specific focus of the 2018 call is on *using the evidence-base to improve patient outcomes*. They welcome applications from early and mid-career researchers who are supported as appropriate by more experienced researchers.

[Apply by 17 April](#)



### Scaling up innovation

The Social Care Institute for Excellence have published a briefing, *Growing innovative models of health, care and support for adults*. The briefing considers how to foster an environment in which innovative, cost-effective and impactful models of care can be shared more effectively, adopted more widely and implemented more rapidly.

[Download the briefing](#)

## Stroke funding

Project grants from the Stroke Association cover the whole spectrum of stroke research - from prevention and risk factors, through to treatment and rehabilitation in a clinical setting and longer-term in the community.

[Apply by 5 February](#)

## PhD studentship

The Centre for Health Services Studies at the University of Kent are offering a 3-year PhD studentship. Applications are welcome to undertake research in health services and evaluation, commencing in autumn 2018.

[Apply by 1 March](#)

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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. Recent areas in which research priorities have been identified include:

- [cellulitis](#)
- [contraception](#)
- [cystic fibrosis](#)
- [scoliosis](#).

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

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## Research design

Claire Rosten, from the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Research Design Service (RDS) South East, discusses how to choose the best design for your research study in her blog, *Research by design - but which design is right?*

[Read the blog](#)

## Research dissemination

The RCN Library and Heritage Centre are holding a workshop, *How to get published*, on 28 February 2018 in London. Hear from published authors, including Professor Ian Peate, about their experiences of publishing in books and journals.

[Book now](#)

### **Building capacity**

The NIHR Clinical Research Network Kent, Surrey and Sussex is launching an initiative to help new Chief Investigators (CIs) get started on developing portfolio projects of their own. Any health care professional from any discipline is welcome to apply.

**Apply by 28 February**

### **Research in Northern Ireland**

The Northern Ireland health and social care research and development (HSC R&D) division are hosting a free workshop to discuss the findings from phase 1 of the review of the HSC R&D infrastructure. The workshop takes place on 6 February 2018.

**Register by 29 January**

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- [Demystifying targeted cancer treatments](#)
- [Measuring and valuing health](#)

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### **PhD studentship**

Health and Care Research Wales has launched the health PhD studentship award. Applications are welcome across a range of health topics. Priority areas are prevention and early intervention, chronic conditions management, and service organisation and delivery.

**Apply by 27 March**

### **Research funding**

Tenovus Scotland exists to foster high quality research within the health care professions in Scotland. The small pilot grants support pump-priming research studies of up to 18 months' duration. The next closing date applies to researchers working in the Strathclyde region.

**Apply by 15 February**

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