



Clinical academic careers

Health Education England (HEE) and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) have launched a new pre-doctoral level training scheme to support aspiring clinical academics. The Pre-doctoral Clinical Academic Fellowship (PCAF) supports early career researchers who wish to develop careers that combine clinical research and research leadership with continued clinical practice and clinical development.

[Apply by 11 April 2018](#)

Spreading innovation

Against the odds: successfully scaling innovation in the NHS, is a joint report from the Innovation Unit and the Health Foundation. The report identifies a shortlist of 10 innovations that have successfully spread across the NHS in recent years, drawing out insights into how scale might be more effectively pursued and supported in the future.

[Read the report](#)

Arthritis research



Mental health research

A framework for mental health research, produced by the Department of Health, provides a collective view of how mental health research should develop in the UK over the next decade. It sets out a structure to improve co-ordination and strengthen the focus on areas where mental health research is likely to translate into significant health benefit.

[Read the document](#)

Involving people

Nurses are eligible to apply for foundation fellowships and career development fellowships from Arthritis Research UK.

Apply by 11 April 2018

The Health and Care Research Wales Involving People Network annual meeting takes place on 21 March 2018 in Cardiff.

Register soon

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funds research through its nine programmes, which include Health Technology Assessment and Health Services and Delivery Research.

- [Evidence synthesis applications, Public Health Research programme](#), closes 27 March 2018.
- [Mechanisms of action of health interventions](#), closes 27 March 2018.
- [Exercise therapy for people with pulmonary hypertension](#), closes 28 March 2018.
- [Identification of older patients likely to require enhanced care on discharge from hospital](#), closes 28 March 2018.
- [Sepsis](#), closes 28 March 2018.

Alternatively, visit the [NIHR web page](#) for a complete list of current NIHR funding opportunities.

Cancer research

Nurses are eligible to apply for the pre-doctoral research bursary from Cancer Research UK. The bursary provides short-term funding to allow clinicians and other health professionals to get involved in research projects early in their career.

Apply by 20 March 2018

Call for abstracts

Present your research at the Canadian doctoral nursing network conference, 11-13 June 2018, Regina, Canada. The conference will bring together doctoral students engaged in research for networking, scholarly discussions, and learning opportunities.

Abstracts by 22 March 2018

Spreading innovation

The Social Care Institute for Excellence has published a briefing, *Improving*

Frailty research

The NIHR Dissemination Centre has issued a themed review, *Comprehensive*

outcomes for children and young people by spreading innovation. The briefing draws on the insights of people leading innovative change, and highlights common conditions for success.

[Download the briefing](#)

care: older people living with frailty in hospitals. It features published studies, ongoing research projects, and questions to ask about the care of older people with frailty in hospitals.

[Read the review](#)

The National Institute for Health Research Dissemination Centre (NIHR DC) critically appraises the latest health research to identify the most reliable, relevant and significant findings. Recent examples include:

- [head position after acute stroke does not affect disability outcomes](#)
- [skin-to-skin contact improves breastfeeding of healthy babies](#)
- [pilocarpine improves dry mouth caused by radiotherapy](#)
- [placing wet gauze on babies' tummies speeds up urine collection](#)
- [heel casts do not improve heel ulcers in diabetes.](#)

Visit the [NIHR DC website](#) to read more signals, highlights and themed reviews.

Research support

The NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) will be extending support into health and social care research taking place in non-NHS settings, such as studies running in care homes or in hospices. The CRN will also be able to better support research into public health, for example in schools and other community settings.

[Read more](#)

Patient and public involvement

The NIHR Collaborations for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRCs) have produced a document called *Patient and public involvement and engagement: NIHR CLAHRCs annual reports 2016/17*. The aim is to support and promote the sharing of knowledge, learning and good practice across the NIHR and beyond.

[Download the report](#)

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