



PhD scholarship

This PhD opportunity has arisen as a result of funding linked to a new five year strategic research alliance between the RCN and the University of Sheffield School of Nursing and Midwifery. The PhD can be undertaken full-time, or as a part-time clinical academic studentship for clinical nurses.

[Apply by 15 June](#)

Mental health research

The 24th International Mental Health Nursing Research conference, *Place, purpose and politics: re-imagining mental health care*, takes place 13-14 September 2018 in Manchester, England. Organised in association with Mental Health Nurse Academics UK, abstracts are invited.

[Submit by 27 April](#)

Stroke funding

The Stroke Association has launched a call for applications into the psychological consequences of stroke. This is part of



Mental health research

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) 2018 themed call is *Promotion of good mental health and the prevention or treatment of mental ill health across the whole life course*. A webinar has been arranged on 1 May 2018 to provide further information about this themed call.

[Register today](#)

Research funding

Nurses in Scotland can apply for the Vale of Leven scholarship scheme, a commemoration for those who died as a

their priority programme awards. Nurses are welcome to apply.

Apply by 13 June

result of the Clostridium difficile outbreak at the Vale of Leven Hospital.

Apply by 31 May

The Academic Health Science Networks (AHSN) Atlas is a platform for the very best examples, from across the 15 AHSNs in England, of how to spread high impact innovation across the health and care system. Case studies include:

- [improving quality and safety in care homes](#)
- [spotting the signs of sepsis](#)
- [perfect ward: improving quality inspections](#)
- [an innovative approach to end of life care education](#)
- [improving patient involvement in diabetes management](#).

Alternatively, visit the [AHSN Atlas website](#) to search the full range of projects.

Research training

Research Capacity Building Collaboration (RCBC) Wales is pleased to announce funding for up to six First into Research (FiR) fellowships. The fellowships are targeted at newcomers to research, or those wishing to develop confidence in research, to work on projects seeking answers to questions relevant to nursing, midwifery, pharmacy, and allied health professions. Eligibility check forms must be returned by 30 April 2018.

Apply soon

Post-doctoral fellowships

The Healthcare Improvement Studies Institute has launched a new research fellowship programme. Post-doctoral fellowships are an opportunity for exceptional early-career individuals to lead an extended period of research and contribute to the development of the field of improvement studies. Any UK university may apply to the scheme, with a maximum of one post-doctoral fellowship application per university per funding round.

Apply by 9 July

Cancer patient experience

Research policy

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

[Register soon](#)

A new report from NHS England finds a strong relationship between levels of staff engagement and spending on temporary staff by NHS trusts.

[Read the report](#)

Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) are a great way to learn flexibly with the world's top universities, health schools and health care organisations.

- [Health Technology Assessment \(HTA\): choosing which treatments get funded](#)
- [Career management for early career academic researchers](#)
- [Why experience matters: qualitative research](#)
- [Human factors in a health care environment](#)

Alternatively, have a look at the [Future Learn website](#) to see what else is coming up. Most MOOCs are free.

Breathlessness research

This one-day conference, taking place on 27 April 2018 in Cambridge, features presentations on current research on breathlessness. If you have any research that you would like to present, get in touch.


[Register now](#)

Stroke research

Cochrane UK has compiled a selection of material, including Cochrane evidence, research and the perspectives of stroke survivors, health professionals and researchers on the subject of life after stroke.

[View the resources](#)

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