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RCN research conference

The call for abstracts for the 2019 RCN annual international nursing research conference is now open. Join us in Sheffield in September 2019.

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The RCN has over 30 forums and networks, including the Research Society. Many of them use Facebook groups and Twitter to facilitate networking and sharing of knowledge. Why not join a forum and help shape the professional voice of the RCN.

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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](#)

Research in Wales

Health and Care Research Wales is recruiting specialty leads, and applications are invited in all 30 specialty areas for a period of three years. Apply by 21 January 2019.

[Read more](#)

Research capacity building

The British Heart Foundation has established new PhD and post-doctoral research training fellowships specifically for nurses and allied health professionals. Apply by 26 April 2019.

[Find out more](#)

Research funding opportunities

The following research funding opportunities are relevant for nurse or midwife researchers. Closing dates for February 2019 include the following grants:

- [project grants](#), Stroke Association, closes 6 February
- [research grants](#), Wellbeing of Women, closes 7 February
- [research training fellowships](#), Dunhill Medical Trust, closes 15 February
- [small pilot grants \(Strathclyde\)](#), Tenovus Scotland, closes 15 February
- [large project grants](#), Barts Charity, 25 February.

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

Research support

Want to know more about National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) funding and training opportunities? The Research Design Service (RDS) East Midlands has a new programme of events for 2019.

Frailty research

The Queen's Nursing Institute has announced a new opportunity for nurse-led projects in the community, focused on people living with frailty. The closing date for completed applications is 31 January 2019.

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Older people research

The NIHR Dissemination Centre has issued a themed review into assistive technology for older people. *Help at home* brings together recent NIHR and other government funded research with a focus on the use of technology in the home and designing better environments for older people.

[Read the review](#)

Suggest a research idea

The NIHR commissions and funds projects looking at new ways of doing things, as well as the usefulness of new tests, treatments and devices. They also look at how to improve public health to see what really works in practice. Help shape which questions most urgently need answering.

[Find out more](#)

RCN events

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.

- [Defence nursing workshop](#), 23 February, Birmingham.
- [Education forum conference](#), 12-13 March, Bristol.
- [Fertility nursing forum conference](#), 23 March, London.
- [Looked after children's nursing conference](#), 29 April, London.

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

Spreading innovation

The Health Foundation is running a webinar on 18 January 2019. It will explore some of the key findings from their report, *How to support the successful uptake of innovations and improvements in health care*.

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Research methods

The National Centre for Research Methods has published an online resource, *Writing about research methods*, examining the different challenges that PhD students, academics and researchers face in their writing.

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