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Keynote speakers announced

Linda Aiken, Angela Tod and Hugh McKenna are the confirmed speakers for the RCN 2019 annual international nursing research conference, taking place in Sheffield in September.

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Early career researcher

If you are currently undertaking a doctoral programme, you may be interested in applying for a developmental opportunity to join the scientific committee of the RCN 2019 annual international nursing research conference.

[Apply by 20 March](#)

Dementia research

Dissemination grants from the Alzheimer's Society provide funding for researchers who wish to disseminate the findings of a completed research programme or project. The closing date for applications is 28 February.

[Find out more](#)

Celebrating nursing excellence

Submissions for the RCN Northern Ireland 2019 nurse of the year awards are now open. The awards are designed to recognise and reward excellence in the nursing profession. There are 13 categories covering a wide range of specialties, including nursing research.

[Apply by 15 February](#)

Join a network

RCN Northern Ireland networks are groups of members who have a special interest and/or expertise in a particular nursing specialty, working together to share ideas and improve practice. Each network is member-led and supported by an RCN Northern Ireland staff link.

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Research funding opportunities

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

- [care collaboration grants](#), Alzheimer's Society, closes 1 March
- [funding opportunities](#), Healthcare Infection Society, closes 1 March
- [project grants](#), Breast Cancer Now, closes 1 March
- [nurse and allied health professional internship scheme](#), Versus Arthritis, closes 4 March
- [Harry Keen intermediate clinical fellowship](#), Diabetes UK, closes 18 March
- [project grants](#), Parkinson's UK, closes 20 March.

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

Research studentships

Liverpool John Moores University is offering fully-funded studentships via its

Research methodology

The Patient Reported Outcome Measures (PROMs) research conference takes

PhD scholarship scheme. Studentships are available in a variety of disciplines, including nursing and midwifery.

Apply by 4 March

place on 13 June 2019 in Leeds.

Abstracts from clinicians, researchers and patient partners are invited.

Submit by 21 February

Research capacity building

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) East Midlands has announced funding for postdoctoral fellowship awards. These are for research active clinicians (including nurses and midwives) who wish to pursue a clinical academic career.

Apply by 25 February

Research funding

Research grants are available from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. The specific focus of the 2019 call is on *enhancing the quality of care through patient and/or carer involvement*. They welcome applications from early and mid-career researchers who are supported as appropriate by more experienced researchers.

Apply by 29 March

Research findings

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:

- [a frailty checklist was completed in only a quarter of older people at hospital admission](#)
- [UK-wide study reveals a pattern of delay in referrals to specialist end-of-life care](#)

- [daily low-dose antibiotics halve urinary tract infections in people who self-catheterise](#)
- [ethanol locks in catheters used for dialysis may prevent sepsis](#)
- [self-monitoring of blood glucose provides no important benefit for most people with type 2 diabetes.](#)

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

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 19 February

Developing research careers

Applications are now open for the Welsh Crucible 2019 programme. The programme offers early and mid-career researchers the chance to build their personal, professional and leadership skills as future research leaders in Wales.

Apply by 15 February

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