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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.

[Submit your abstract](#)



## 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](#)

## Developing research ideas

The South East Wales Research Design and Conduct Service (RDCCS) is holding an ideas workshop on 9 April in Cardiff to help social care and NHS staff develop a research idea for future funding. The event is free to attend.

[Register](#)

## Clinical research nurses

Research nurses often work in isolation. In response to this, Sarah Wytrykowski has set up a closed Facebook group called The Research Community. The group is a safe place to ask questions, share experiences, and network.

[Join the community](#)

## Patient and public involvement

Researchers and members of the public in Northern Ireland may be interested in attending a free workshop, Involving the public in the design and conduct of research: Building research partnerships, taking place in Belfast on 10 April.

[Register soon](#)

## Research funding opportunities

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

- [Regional clinical cases meeting grant](#), Society for Endocrinology, closes 3 April.
- [Clinical research training fellowships \(pre and post-doctoral\)](#), Medical Research Council, closes 3 April.
- [iGrants](#), Tenovus Cancer Care, closes 23 April.
- [Small grants](#), Parkinson's UK, closes 24 April.
- [Career development award](#), Medical Research Council, closes 25 April.
- [Research training fellowships](#), British Heart Foundation, closes 26 April.

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

## Clinical academic careers

Nurses and midwives who wish to develop careers that combine clinical research and research leadership are

## Contributing to research

RAND Europe was commissioned by The Healthcare Improvement Studies (THIS) Institute to conduct a rapid review of the

eligible to apply for pre-doctoral clinical academic fellowships (PCAF). The scheme is run by Health Education England (HEE) and the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR).

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evidence base on engaging NHS staff in health care research. The report will be useful for other organisations and initiatives seeking to engage NHS staff in research.

[Read the report](#)

## Arthritis research

Nurses are eligible to apply for foundation fellowships and career development fellowships from Versus Arthritis. Apply by 10 April.

[Find out more](#)

## Research training

The NIHR Research Design Service (RDS) London is hosting a free information session on 27 March about the NIHR fellowship programmes.

[Register](#)

## Online learning

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

- [Research impact: Making a difference.](#)
- [Why numbers matter: Quantitative research.](#)
- [Why experience matters: Qualitative research.](#)
- [Quality improvement in health care: The case for change.](#)
- [Care home nursing: Changing perceptions.](#)

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

## Research funding

Applications are invited for stage one research proposals for the NIHR Programme Grants for Applied Research (PGfAR). This includes themed calls on the management of chronic pain, and frailty.

**Apply by 3 April**

## Dementia research

Alzheimer's Society funds research that covers the full scope of dementia, including care, services and public health research. Current open calls include project grants, fellowships and studentships.

**Apply by 29 March**

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