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## Become a reviewer

Do you meet the criteria to join the International Scientific Advisory Panel (ISAP) for the RCN 2019 annual nursing research conference? Register your interest by 10 April.

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## Research impact

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Academy is recruiting two associate dean posts to support with the development and delivery of the infrastructure and capacity building structures and integrated pathways programmes of work.

[Apply by 15 April](#)

## Evidence into practice

Do you work in the West of England and have an evidence-based idea to change clinical practice? The West of England Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) is looking to support ideas for initiatives or projects that will improve health care.

[Apply by 26 April](#)

## RCN Congress

Booking is open for RCN Congress 2019, taking place 19-23 May in Liverpool. A full list of agenda items to be debated, and fringe activity, is now available.

[Find out more](#)

## RCN research conference

Only a week left to submit an abstract for the 2019 RCN annual international nursing research conference, which takes place 3-5 September in Sheffield.

[Submit by 11 April](#)

## Research funding opportunities

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

- [Research projects](#), Yorkshire Cancer Research, closes 8 May.
- [Endocrine nurse grant](#), Society for Endocrinology, closes 15 May.
- [Research project grants](#), Dunhill Medical Trust, closes 17 May.
- [Tobacco advisory group project grants](#), Cancer Research UK, closes 29 May.
- [Smaller research projects fund](#), The Urology Foundation, closes 31 May.

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

[More funding](#)

## Demonstrating value

Ruth Wyn Williams, a learning disability nurse at Bangor University, has successfully completed the RCN Demonstrating Value programme. Her

## Supporting clinical research

A new initiative has been launched aimed at encouraging more inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) clinical nurse specialists to get involved in clinical research. This is

case study looked at nurse education: valuing the contribution of people with a learning disability.

[Read the case study](#)

being taken forward by the NIHR Clinical Research Network (CRN) gastroenterology specialty.

[Find out more](#)

## Innovation conference

The Yorkshire and Humber Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) annual conference, Transforming lives through innovation, takes place on 9 May in Leeds.

[Register now](#)

## Patient safety

The King's Fund has published its independent report on the progress and impact made by England's Patient Safety Collaboratives (PSCs) in their first four years.

[Read the report](#)

## 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. Below are some recent examples.

- [Guided online interventions can help people recover from depression.](#)
- [New insights into living with inflammatory bowel disease.](#)
- [Pelvic floor muscle training can improve symptoms of urinary incontinence.](#)
- [Transcutaneous electrical stimulation \(TENS\) may help lower limb spasticity after stroke.](#)
- [Medication to reduce stomach acid may increase risk of hip fractures.](#)

Visit the NIHR DC website to read more signals, highlights and themed reviews.

## Further examples

### PhD scholarships

Five funded PhDs are being offered by the NIHR Yorkshire and Humber Patient Safety Translational Research Centre (PSTRC). The research topics include cancer care pathways and reducing inappropriate admissions to hospital. Apply by 26 April.

[Find out more](#)

### Managing labour and delivery

The latest highlight from the NIHR Dissemination Centre presents evidence on the induction of labour, waterbirth, interpretation of the fetal heart rate, pain management and the position during the second stage of labour with or without an epidural.

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