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The voice of nursing in the UK

## Fair pay for nursing

The RCN has launched the Fair Pay For Nursing campaign to demand a 12.5% pay rise for nursing staff across the UK.

**Read more**

## Education research

The RCN Education Forum conference takes place 20 – 21 April 2021 in London. Submit your abstract by 27 September.

**Find out more**

## Arthritis research

Nurses are eligible to apply for PhD scholarships from Versus Arthritis. The deadline for applications is 23 September.

**Find out more**

## Suggest a research topic

The National Institute for Health Research (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.

**Use your voice**

## Research training

Applications are now open for the Health Education England/NIHR pre and post-doctoral bridging scheme. These programmes will support individuals who aspire to combine research and clinical practice, and develop a clinical academic career. Applications are invited from across the north of England.

**Apply by 9 October**

## Improving standards in health and social care

RCN Professional Services provides a range of programmes which can help organisations to improve patient care and patient experience in the UK.

- Improving physical and mental health outcomes.
- Infection prevention and control.
- Introduction to leadership.
- Developing leadership.
- Clinical leadership.

You can see the full range of programmes on offer on our web page.

**RCN learning**

## Research funding

## Research training

Competition 28 of the NIHR Programme Development Grants is now open. These grants are designed to increase the rate and number of successful applications for a full programme grant. Apply by 23 September.

**Find out more**

Research Capacity Building Collaboration (RCBC) Wales is offering funded PhD fellowships in nursing, midwifery, pharmacy and the allied health professions. Eligibility check forms must be returned by 30 September.

**Apply soon**

## Supporting nursing research

In this blog, Susan Aitkenhead, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) for England, discusses the CNO's strategy for supporting, developing and embedding research, which aims to ensure that nursing research and evidence helps drive policy and underpin system transformation.

**Read the blog**

## PhD studentships

The NIHR Applied Research Collaboration (ARC) East of England (EoE) and University of East Anglia invite applications for two fully funded PhD studentships (for early stage researchers) around the theme of health economics and prioritisation in health and social care. Apply by 30 September.

**Find out more**

# Research funding opportunities

The following research funding opportunities are relevant for nurse or midwife researchers. Closing dates for October 2020 include the following grants.

- Doctoral fellowship award, Northern Ireland Health and Social Care Research and Development, closes 16 October.
- Education grants, RCN Foundation, closes 16 October.

- Fellowships, British Heart Foundation, closes 21 October.
- Fellowships, Diabetes UK, closes 31 October.
- Research projects, The Urology Foundation, closes 31 October.

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

**Find funding**

## Patient safety

Patient Safety Learning is a charity and independent voice for improving patient safety. To improve shared learning, it has created a hub to share tools, resources, stories and ideas, as well as online training opportunities.

**Discover more**

## Clinical research posts

University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is seeking to appoint 10 research nurse/clinical trial practitioners to support vaccine studies and other clinical research in COVID-19. The closing date is 10 September.

**Apply soon**

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