

UHB Nursing AHP and Midwife Clinical Academic Spring 2023 Newsletter



Welcome to our Spring UHB clinical academic update.

Please contact us if you would like further information on these or upcoming opportunities or if you need support with any research applications or projects or advice on clinical academic careers: clinicalacademics@uhb.nhs.uk.

Here is our page for more information about us:

[Integrated Clinical Academic Office \(uhb.nhs.uk\)](http://Integrated Clinical Academic Office (uhb.nhs.uk))

Please let us know if you are leading or involved in research currently at the trust so we can highlight it in our newsletters and help with collaborations.

Upcoming dates for your diaries

We have extended the closing date for applications to Monday 24th April 2023

Are you a Nurse, Midwife, Allied Health Professional, Pharmacy Practitioners, Healthcare Scientist or Health & Social Care Professional, considering a clinical academic career?

Would you like to increase your research knowledge and skills and work with an experienced researcher?

Birmingham Health Partners (BHP) is pleased to launch the **2023/24 West Midlands Internship Programme, Pre-Doctoral Bridging Programme and Post-Doctoral Bridging Programme**. These three programmes are aimed specifically at non-medical professionals [See here](#) who aspire to combine research and clinical practice and develop a clinical academic career.

Closing date for applications is **Monday 24th April**

Application forms and further details can be found on our [website](#)

These programmes are funded by Health Education England (HEE) in the West Midlands and linked into the **HEE/National Institute of Health Research (NIHR)** [See here](#)

For any questions or queries please contact clinicalacademics@uhb.nhs.uk

Funded Research Opportunity for a Midwife

Are you a midwife who is excited about improving clinical practice through research? Are you interested in developing research skills and exploring an academic career?

If so, then apply for our part-time fully funded research internship supported by the Applied Research Collaborative (ARC) West Midlands Maternity Theme at the University of Birmingham. This 48 day supervised programme beginning in September 2023 is spread over a year and will support you to learn about research, conduct a piece of work related to a topic that interests you and have a placement with the ARC West Midlands Maternity Theme. [Applications close 24th April 2023](#).

For more information about the internship and to apply please visit <https://www.birminghamhealthpartners.co.uk/education/internship-programme>. For an informal chat about the internship please contact Professor Sara Kenyon on 0121 414 9063 or s.kenyon@bham.ac.uk.

Upcoming research fellowships and scholarships open to UHB Nurses AHPs and Midwives

Keep an eye on the NIHE website for competition dates for doctoral fellowships – competition opens for all fellowships in April 2023 (closes in June) and October 2023 (closes Jan 2024).

FREE Training

UHB library training

Visit [Training Dates | UHB Library](#) for information on training courses and YouTube channel available [here](#)

Moodle courses available of literature searching and critical appraisal of research studies [UHB Moodle: All courses](#)

To register for a session email gellibrary@uhb.nhs.uk

QE Library run timetabled sessions monthly – on our website www.uhblibrary.co.uk we have a training section with upcoming dates. You can also find links there to our Moodle courses and YouTube channel (both available 24/7) which also provide literature searching training.

The library also offers 1-1 training.

Good Clinical Practice

Good Clinical Practice (GCP) is the international ethical, scientific and practical standard to which all clinical research is conducted.

It is important that everyone involved in research is trained or appropriately experienced to perform the specific tasks they are being asked to undertake. GCP training is a requirement set out in the [UK Policy Framework for Health and Social Care Research](#) developed by the [Health Research Authority](#) for researchers conducting clinical trials of investigational medicinal products (CTIMPs).

GCP protects the rights, safety and wellbeing of study participants

We recommend that team members leading and delivering research complete, as a minimum, the Introduction to Good Clinical Practice (GCP) course (online or face-to-face). This should be followed by additional specialist courses where appropriate (e.g. Informed Consent) and regular GCP Refresher training.

Research team members who undertake limited duties working to well defined instructions and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) may find locally delivered NIHR short courses and training aids more appropriate. This should be discussed with the Chief Investigator of the study.

How to register for our GCP courses

- Already registered with NIHR Learn? Log in and browse courses at [NIHR Learn](#)
- Not registered with NIHR Learn? Go to: [Getting started with NIHR Learn](#)
- Have a question about GCP? Go to [NIHR Learn Help](#)

[Good Clinical Practice \(GCP\) | NIHR](#)

Research funding opportunities

NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) – Nurse and Midwife ONLY call

The NIHR Research for Patient Benefit (RfPB) programme are inviting applications from nurses and midwives to the first of a series of highlight notices addressing NIHR strategy to strengthen careers of under-represented disciplines and specialisms. The call is for proposals up to £500,000. Expression of Interest deadline is 21st April 2023.

Find out more at:

<https://www.nihr.ac.uk/funding/rfpb-under-represented-disciplines-and-specialisms-highlight-notice-nurses-and-midwives/32059?source=chainmail>

NIHRC Fellowship Programme - [NIHRC Fellowship Programme | NIHR](#)

Focus on Patient and Public Involvement in research

Together with colleagues at University of Birmingham, the Patient and Public Involvement and Engagement (PPIE) team run twice monthly drop-in advice sessions for researchers keen to talk through how best to plan and carry out involvement and engagement for their projects. You can book onto one of these 30-minute sessions by emailing PPI@contacts.bham.ac.uk



Do you have questions on
PATIENT & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN RESEARCH?

Sign-up for one of our regular drop-in sessions for tailored advice. Support is available at any stage of research and all levels of experience.

- Individual advice slots
- Signposting & resources
- Twice per month
2, 15 & 28 September
14 October
3 & 16 November

Book your slot by contacting
PPI@contacts.bham.ac.uk
(booking essential)

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Watch this space: Plans for 2023

In 2023 we plan to conduct

1. **On-line Research Forums** – these forums will be designed for aspiring and current clinical academics in University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Trust. We will invite presentations from Masters, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral students/researchers who will present for 5 minutes on their current project. This will be followed by a Q&A session and opportunity for networking. We want to design this collaboratively with you to ensure the content; venue and frequency of the forums meet your needs – To be discussed at the first Forum – date to be arranged.
2. **Research placements** for M level and BSc level students within the Clinical Academic Careers Team – we are delighted to be moving forwards with setting up our first research placement in collaboration with the Speech and Language Therapy team at Birmingham City University, the Physiotherapy team at Coventry University and Nursing teams at University of Birmingham. Our placement will be launched on May 15th 2023 and will run through until June 30th 2023 in the ICA office with a research and development three week ‘sandwich’ in the middle 22nd May – 9th June.

NHSE Midlands Network Update

Please follow this link to register to receive newsletters from NHSE AHP Midlands team – these bulletins will tell you about webinars, fellowship opportunities, conferences and anything related to research and education in the Midlands region

Healtherducationy.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/hee-midlands-allied-health-professions-ahp-network-copy

Also – if there are any ODPS who want to be involved in a Midlands Workforce Action Group, please email Rachel McCubbin Rachel.McCubbin@hee.nhs.uk and she will send you an invite to the ODP Workforce Action Group (WFAG) event on 20th April

Finally – there is a podiatry summit on 4th May – don’t miss it – details below

Midlands Podiatry Workforce Summit

Health Education England in partnership with the Royal College of Podiatry will be holding a regional Podiatry workforce summit

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday 4th May 2023, 13:00 – 15:00 (virtual)

We are seeking Podiatrists from all settings including:

- ✓ Acute High Risk Services
- ✓ Community Services
- ✓ Primary Care
- ✓ PIVO services
- ✓ Podiatric Surgery
- ✓ Forensic Podiatry
- ✓ Students
- ✓ Higher Education Institution

The Summit will seek to identify workforce challenges, including:

- Supply
- Retention
- Upskilling
- Opportunities across all sectors

This will inform a Midlands wide Workforce Action Group to collaboratively deliver solutions which will strengthen the current and future of Podiatry workforce requirements.

Midlands Podiatry Workforce
Summit

