

# Pharmacy Research UK

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## Pharmacy Research UK awards over £80k in fellowship funding

Pharmacy Research UK (PRUK) is delighted to announce this year's annual funding award of over £80k to support pharmacy research. Funding awards are given in the form of personal research fellowships or research training bursaries. This year, the six awards span across a broad and diverse range of pharmacy topics that will improve pharmacy services and its contribution to improved patient outcomes. Topics include evaluating the use of inhaled corticosteroids in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, enhancing the role of community pharmacists in Breast Cancer Services and exploring the use of Direct Oral Anticoagulants in patients with Atrial Fibrillation.

**Dr Rachel Joynes, Executive Director at PRUK** said: *"We were thrilled with the breadth, depth and quality of applications received for this year's fellowships and bursaries. We look forward to seeing the outcomes of these projects and the valuable impact that they will have on medicines optimisation and patient care."*

**Kimberley Sonnex from the University of Nottingham, Galen Personal Award recipient** said: *"The grant from PRUK has enabled me to attend training courses to develop my research skills in order to complete a PhD. As a hospital pharmacist new to*

research, PRUK has allowed me to fill in gaps in my knowledge and set me up for a career in research.”

For more information please see our [press release](#).

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## Terry Tin Wai Ng is awarded the PRUK-BOPA Research Award

The British Oncology Pharmacy Association (BOPA) and PRUK are delighted to grant the 2017 BOPA-PRUK Research Award to Terry Tin Wai Ng at University College London School of Pharmacy, where Terry is a Senior Teaching Fellow. BOPA and PRUK are working together to help novice researchers in oncology and haematology pharmacy embark on their careers in research.

The funded project title is ‘An acceptability study for the use of web-based video consultations in patients receiving lifelong treatment for Chronic Myeloid Leukaemia (CML)’ and will investigate whether patients who are receiving treatment for CML at University College London Hospital (UCLH) would find it acceptable to have their follow-up appointments using web-based video calling.

**Terry** said, *‘The funding will allow me to attend courses on qualitative research methods which will help me develop research skills that are not only to be used as part of the project to improve the patient experience, but also for future projects that would further enhance collaborative pharmacy practice research between UCL and the team at UCLH. Thank you to BOPA and PRUK for this opportunity.’*

For more information see [our press release](#).



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## PRUK launches its mentoring scheme



In October PRUK launched its mentoring scheme. The programme is designed to help novice pharmacy research professionals who are looking to build their skills within a research environment and would benefit from support from experienced peers. For mentors, stewarding a mentee through the ups and downs of an early research career can be extremely rewarding and will allow them to cultivate a wider network of researchers.

Through the scheme, PRUK will match professionals who have proven experience of pharmacy research with those that are just setting out on their research careers within the field of pharmacy and health practice. Both those interested in [being a mentor](#) and [being a mentee](#) are invited to sign up to the free scheme through our website.

For more information see [our press release](#).

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## All pharmacists will be able to apply for the 2018 Awards and Bursaries

PRUK are pleased to announce that funding for our research fellowships and bursaries will be open to pharmacists who are not RPS members from January 2018. Pharmacists who are RPS members will still be eligible to apply.

**Professor Anthony Smith, PRUK Chair of Trustees** said: *'We are delighted to open up our research funding to all pharmacists engaged in research. We believe that widening the scope of applicants and increasing the potential reach of funding calls will build on the outstanding breadth and quality of applications that we currently receive'*

Applications for the 2018 round of Awards and Bursaries will be open from early January 2018 and close on the 2nd May 2018. For more information [see our website](#).

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# HSRPP 2018



The 2018 Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice (HSRPP) Conference will be hosted by the University of Newcastle under the theme 'Innovative Healthcare in the 21st Century: Providing smarter, safer, and patient-centred health services' from **April 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**.

[Booking for early bird rates](#) is open online and the early bird deadline is February 16<sup>th</sup> 2018. The keynote speakers for HSRPP 2018 are:

- **Professor Paul S Little** – Professor of Primary Care Research at the University of Southampton
- **Professor Aziz Sheikh** – Professor of Primary Care Research and Development and Co-Director of the Centre of Medical Informatics
- **Professor Bryony Dean Franklin** – Director of the Centre of Medication Safety and Service Quality and Professor of Medication Safety

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## Hosting HSRPP 2020

PRUK and the Committee for the Health Services Research and Pharmacy Practice Conference (HSRPP) are inviting expressions of interest from higher education institutes in the UK and Ireland to host this successful, annual conference in 2020.

Hosting the conference provides the opportunity to:

- Promote your institute's areas of research interest and expertise, review the latest research in pharmacy practice and support research development in pharmacy practice.
- Raise the national and international profile of your research team and develop national/international research collaborations;
- Develop skills in conference planning and management;
- Network with research colleagues from across the UK and Ireland and promote your local region.

The deadline for expressions of interest is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017. Applications will then be considered by the HSRPP Committee. **Successful hosts will be required to attend Committee meetings from June 2018. It is also expected that potential hosts will attend the HSRPP conferences in Newcastle in 2018 and Birmingham in 2019.**

For more information see [our news story](#) or contact PRUK on [practice.research@rpharms.com](mailto:practice.research@rpharms.com).

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## Events

### RPS Winter Summit: Bridging the gap between industry, academia, policy and practice

The inaugural RPS Winter Summit is to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> December, at Mary Ward House Conference Centre in London. The Summit presents a unique and exciting opportunity for pharmacy professionals, academics, students and industry stakeholders alike to network and discuss state-of-the-art topics focusing exclusively on scientific and educational innovation.



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We are delighted that the PRUK SAP Chair, Professor Rachel Elliott will be presenting at the Summit on pharmacist-led information technology interventions; and SAP member Professor Christine Bond will be presenting on innovations in health information.

### PRUK/RPS Research advice surgeries

If you are a novice researcher seeking to develop your research capabilities and potential, sign up for an RPS sponsored Research Advice Surgery. These sessions will be beneficial for anyone who is planning to apply for PRUK funding in 2018 and would like to learn about the support and streams available. These **monthly** workshops are run by RPUK alongside the RPS research team and can be attended in person, by phone or via video conference. Individual sessions last approximately 30 minutes and can be booked via the events calendar. See the [RPS events page](#) to book your place.

Guidance includes how to get involved in research and develop research ideas for funding, as well as answers to any other queries such as:

- Understanding research and evaluation
- Developing a research project and team
- Building your faculty R&E cluster
- Patient and public involvement
- Sources of funding available
- Evaluating and publishing research
- Getting research ready

## Research Proposal Writing Workshop

PRUK and RPS are working together to run a research proposal writing workshop on the **6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018**. This two day workshop is designed to provide grounding in how to submit a successful application and is aimed at pharmacists in patient-facing roles who are looking to apply for research funding in 2018. The workshop will be run by Professor Felicity Smith from the UCL School of Pharmacy. See more information and [book your place](#).

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## Researchfish

Thank you to all our researchers for submitting your researchfish portfolios before the submission deadline. Your efforts ensure that, as a charity, we can promote the benefit that pharmacy research has both in a health care context and the community.

Researchfish is one of the main research impact assessment tools available and is the main instrument that PRUK uses to track, monitor and assess the impact that PRUK funded research is having on pharmacy research, including health service research utilising medicines.

To find out more about Researchfish's purpose and impact, click [here](#)

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## Research News

[AMRC launch new report On the Front Foot: A Blueprint for Change in the Medical Research Charity Sector](#)

[AMRC launch report Unlocking the investment power of medical research charities](#)

[RPS Paper on developing the pharmaceutical science workforce](#)

[MHRA and HRA release joint statement on good clinical practice](#)

[New open competition for the NIHR School for Social Care Research](#)



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