



The Northern Neonatal Network Presents:
The Sam Richmond Nursing Scholarship



Once again the Northern Neonatal Network is launching its search for keen, motivated nursing staff with good project ideas to apply for an award of £1000 that will help move neonatal care forward. This could be potential advancements in care of the baby, care of the family or improvements in the field of neonatal nursing.

Closing date – Friday January 12th 2018!
Are you ready for this opportunity?

See overleaf for application details

What we are interested in funding:

The Network is interested in funding small scale studies or pilot project work which will enhance neonatal care, improve the care of parents and/or siblings or which will enhance nursing care. Small survey's or research studies which have been investigated and thought out are more likely to attract funding.

The more original the better, so background work is essential prior to applying so that this work can be placed in context. So is this something brand new? Does this build on previously published work? Is there evidence to support that this should be implemented? What would be the advantages of undertaking this? Could it be a pilot prior to some larger work?

Last year, a team from the RVI in Newcastle submitted the winning proposal which looks at Kangaroo Care but focusses on researching the added value of using supportive slings both when the baby is an inpatient but also following discharge.

Can YOU come up with a new initiative/idea to win this year's prize?

What we will not fund:

We will not fund the following:

- Established, funded research studies.
- Attendance at conferences or study days.
- Salary backfill for network staff.
- Funding for personal study.

Next steps:

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to discuss your idea in more detail and to get practical tips on applying.

How to apply:

Apply in writing (via email) including the following headings in your application:

- I. **Project title** – the title of your project
- II. **Project summary** (in 500 words max outline exactly what you are planning on studying, what methods will be used and how this will be analysed – PICO can be used if you wish)
- III. **Project aims and objectives** (250 words max)
- IV. **Wider network applicability** - how this project could translate into one which could be network wide?
- V. **Project costings** (this should ideally include as many costings as you have thought of including stationary, travel expenses, transcribing costs, incentives to participate etc.)
- VI. **Project timeline** – it may be useful to map this out with a Gantt chart over the months that this will be undertaken and tell us what will happen when.
- VII. **Dissemination strategy** – how will you get the planned information out into the professional domain once it is complete?

Entries received by the closing date that meet the criteria will then be shortlisted and judged by a panel from across the Network and a winner chosen in late January 2018

For more information:

There is further information including a FAQ on the Network website: www.nomet.org.uk/ but this is currently being migrated to a new host so if you want these sending, please contact Lisa Purves (Network Admin) at

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