**2016-17 Scholarships now open for applications**

Calling all Nurses and Midwives from a BME background!
Are you a current BME Nurse or Midwife, Professional leader or future leader? Would you like to take your career to the next level and be awarded up to £15,000 to help you?

The Florence Nightingale Foundation and the Chief Nursing Officer for England are offering scholarships to nurses and midwives who want to become leaders with the skills and self-confidence to contribute positively and with some significance to the rapidly changing world of healthcare. These scholarships are also open to Deans and Deputy Deans of Schools of Nursing within Universities.

Recipients of the Chief Nursing Officer for England BME Leadership Scholarship undertake a bespoke programme geared to their individual needs. The scholarships have three broad aims:

- to develop and enhance the individual’s leadership skills;
- to help define long term career objectives and maximise professional impact; and
- to work on an individual patient care improvement project.

Applications are actively encouraged from those BME applicants who aspire to a Board position or who may already be a Director or Deputy Director of Nursing, Head of Midwifery, a Nurse or Midwife Consultant, or a Modern Matron. Your organisation is expected to support your application and be of the view that you are capable of being fast-tracked to more senior leadership positions.

Details of the application criteria for the scholarships and how to apply are available on the FNF website:
http://www.florence-nightingale-foundation.org.uk/content/page/36/

Applications for 2016-17 Scholarships will close on Monday 15th August 2016.