

2014 APS Prize winners

The Prize is awarded to each student who gains first place at the end of an accredited fourth year program in psychology in Australian universities and higher education providers offering a program.

Adam Clemente

Australian Catholic University
Thesis title – *Exploring the metaphoric transfer of “unwinding” on negative emotions*

David Johnston

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP)
Thesis title – *The application of naturalistic decision making to explore cue use in rugby league playmakers*

Bryan Shi Chuen Neo

Australian National University
Thesis title – *Examining psychopathic personality traits in the workplace*

Nicole Mathieson

Bond University
Thesis title – *Blame it on the alcohol: Effects of acute alcohol consumption on decision-making*

Bernadette Crompton

Cairnmillar Institute
Thesis title – *Determining the relationships between sense of self-identity, meaning in life, social support, and prolonged grief in the bereaved*

Angela Bleasdale

Central Queensland University
Thesis title – *Fruit, vegetables and psychological well-being: Another application for mindfulness?*

Jessica Vahdat

Charles Darwin University
Thesis title – *Exploring the relationship between volunteering and subjective wellbeing*

Justin Cole

Charles Sturt University
Thesis title – *Do self-compassion and gratitude exercises improve subjective well-being? Investigating their comparative effectiveness, incremental validity, and whether they work via the anticipated theoretical mechanisms*

Tamala Cox

Curtin University
Thesis title – *Do risk-averse cognitive biases predict social anxiety symptoms in a non-clinical sample?*

Felicity Ho

Deakin University
Thesis title – *Transgender mental health and standards of care*

Esther Gribble

Edith Cowan University
Thesis title – *Exploring family resilience through the experiences of mothers raising a child with autism spectrum disorder*

Rebecca Firman

Federation University Australia
Thesis title – *The associations between facets of impulsivity and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder factors*

Douglas Hayes

Flinders University
Thesis title – *Attention bias and emotional regulation in young adults*

Avneel Reddy

Griffith University
Thesis title – *An investigation of factors influencing changes in emotional and behavioural self-concept following traumatic brain injury*

Rachel Gibson

James Cook University
Thesis title – *Connection, distraction and mood*

Frances Boyer

LaTrobe University
Thesis title – *Consequences of the Glass Cliff: Evaluations of male and female leaders following failure*

Amelia Scott

Macquarie University
Thesis title – *Illness-specific mechanisms of symptom severity in Irritable Bowel Syndrome*

Rachel Lim

Monash University
Thesis title – *Evidence of association between HKDC1 and YPEL3 genes and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: A candidate gene study*

Rebecca Cooper

Murdoch University
Thesis title – *Top-down modulation of task features in rapid instructed task learning*

Elizabeth Parr

Queensland University of Technology
Thesis title – *Examining the relationship between school connectedness, attachment, interpersonal rejection sensitivity and adolescent depression*

Jenalle Baker

RMIT University
Thesis title – *Processing speed, verbal episodic, and non-verbal memory impairments in relapsing-remitting Multiple Sclerosis*

Elizabeth Hanley

Southern Cross University
Thesis title – *Approach and avoidance motivation linked with Facebook*

Noam Dishon

Swinburne University of Technology
Thesis title – *Investigating the impact of memory, individual difference and social influence on Choice Blindness*

Emma Burton

University of Adelaide
Thesis title – *Illusory control in regular gamblers: The contribution of delusion-proneness*

Brendan Hutchinson

University of Canberra
Thesis title – *Social validation: A motivational theory of doping in an online bodybuilding community*

Russell Boag

University of Melbourne
Thesis title – *Temporal learning dynamics in probabilistic decision-making: A diffusion model analysis*

Mele Fong

University of New England
Thesis title – *Examining the mediating role of self-compassion in student psychological health*

Sarah Altmann

University of New South Wales
Thesis title – *A face only a mother could love? The effect of previous maternal stress on offspring attractiveness and social behaviour*

Claire Bullen

University of Newcastle
Thesis title – *Resilience to the mental health impacts of school bullying victimisation: The role of internal and external protective factors*

Gareth Vaughan

University of Queensland
Thesis title – *The role of self-categorisation in shaping human needs*

Jessica Tigani

University of South Australia
Thesis title – *Muscle Dysmorphia: An emerging nosological entity*

Megan James

University of Southern Queensland
Thesis title – *The empowered workforce: The influence of empowering leadership on motivation and commitment*

William Ngiam

University of Sydney
Thesis title – *Encoding and capacity limits in visual working memory are not set by stimulus complexity*

Catherine Bishop

University of Tasmania
Thesis title – *The effect of true and false feedback on the detection of targets in a low-prevalence airport security search task*

Andrew Allen

University of the Sunshine Coast
Thesis title – *Development of a revised word stem completion task and the examination of differential media effects on male body satisfaction, mood, and schema activation*

Emily Tuckey

University of Western Australia
Thesis title – *Exposing SCAMs as a method to correct against climate change misinformation*

Marc Himmelberg

University of Western Sydney
Thesis title – *Adaptation to orientation regularity and its relation to orientation anisotropies within the visual system*

Trent Koessler

University of Wollongong
Thesis title – *Where do we accommodate when viewing the hollow-face illusion?*

Anthony Barnett

Victoria University
Thesis title – *The clinical impact of the brain disease model of alcohol and drug addiction: Exploring the attitudes of community-based AOD clinicians in Australia*