

APS Prize Winners for 2008

The following people were awarded the APS Prize for the student who gained first place at the end of an APS accredited program of four year's duration leading to a single qualification, or an APS accredited fourth year program in psychology comprising one year equivalent of study.

RECIPIENT	UNIVERSITY	THESIS TITLE
Gabrielle Lusic	Australian Catholic University	Redintegration and lexicality: The effects of task difficulty and former heroin use on short-term recall
Tegan Cruwys	Australian National University	Not really one of 'us': Essentialist rhetoric affects the inclusion of marginal group members
Elizabeth Scott	Bond University	Anxiety and working memory: Some new light on the processing efficiency theory
Damian Watson	Central Queensland University	Predicting intentions to seek professional psychological help in rural Australia: The role of attitudes, social support, self – efficacy, social stigma, depression and stoicism
Cassandra Hackett	Charles Darwin University	Canine comparisons: Can your relationship with your dog affect your psychological wellbeing?
Gina Villar	Charles Sturt University	Linguistic cues to deception in the speech of a convicted murderer
Bianca Kingdon	Curtin University	The illusory thoughts inventory: Redefining magical thinking and its relationship with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
Katrina Frost	Deakin University	Sleep and cognitive functioning in adolescents with chronic fatigue syndrome
Mitch Read	Edith Cowan University	The relationship between cyber and non-cyber bullying and depressive symptoms among adolescents in Western Australia
Julie Slevec	Flinders University	Cosmetic surgery and middle-aged women: Body image, ageing, anxiety and the media
Lyndall Kopp	Griffith University	Autonomy support and the thin ideal: Applying self-determination theory to explain women's body dissatisfaction and regulation of eating
Louise Hansen	James Cook University	An unbiased evaluation of modality preference using a 'morse code' like recall task
Rachel Hutchens	La Trobe University	Sensitivity of the word-stem completion task as a measure of auditory perceptual priming in children undergoing surgery with general anaesthesia
Heather Francis	Macquarie University	Serotonin 5-HT ₄ receptors in the nucleus accumbens are involved in MDMA-induced appetite suppression
Jane Dahm	Monash University	Utility of the Depression Anxiety Stress Scales in assessing depression and anxiety following traumatic brain injury
Geraldine O'Brien	Murdoch University	The psychophysiological correlates of relaxation: A study of the relative efficacy of guided imagery and biofeedback for the treatment of anxiety
Catherine Pritchard	Queensland University of Technology	Exploring religious and non-religious coping factors on psychological distress of Queensland flood victims
Belinda Melling	RMIT University	Volunteering amongst mature Australians:

		Socio-cultural and motivational factors
Tara Cuddy	Southern Cross University	Testing a computer simulation of self-injurious behaviour (SIB)
James Collett	Swinburne University of Technology	The psychological and genetic correlates of the bipolar affective trait
Rhiannon Bilsborough	University of Adelaide	Personality and psychopathology in temporal lobe epilepsy (TLE): A meta-analysis
Melissa Currie	University of Ballarat	Rural - urban difference in attitudes towards young people with mental health problems
Kelly Mazzer	University of Canberra	Factors affecting gatekeeper's advice for young people to seek help from mental health professionals
Alissandra McIlroy	University of Melbourne	The effects of shifts of attention in physical space on leftward biases for mental number lines
Rebecca Blore	University of New England	Development and validation of the composite codependency scale
Wan Yee Macy Chan	University of New South Wales	Conditioned stimulus familiarity determines effects of MK-801 on fear extinction
Sarah Hiles	University of Newcastle	The effect of neonatal bacterial endotoxin exposure on sexual development and sexual behaviour in the rodent
David Painter	University of Queensland	Grabbing for cash: Rewarding perceptions facilitate reach but not grasp
Tristan Duggan	University of South Australia	Behavioural observation as a means of assessing sleep-related deficits in drivers with obstructive sleep apnea
Greg Mannion	University of Southern Queensland	The effect of self – deception on the relationship between trait emotional intelligence and wellbeing
Ingrid Hawkins	University of the Sunshine Coast	Influence of knowledge about genetic predisposition to type II diabetes on health intention
Alison Rickett	University of Sydney	Socially desirable responding and reporting sensitive behaviours: A comparison of internet and paper-and-pencil administered questionnaires
Lesli Hokanson	University of Tasmania	Adult spelling and morphological knowledge improvement through intervention
Suzanna Nicole Russel – Smith	University of Western Australia	Are the autism and positive schizotypy spectra diametrically opposed?
Josephine Terry	University of Western Sydney	Motion or onset?; features of intensity and intensity change involved in exogenous auditory attentional capture
April Ash	University of Wollongong	Effects of starting height, lighting and runway length on glideslope control and landing quality
Hasret Niazi	Victoria University	Effects of changes in speed of processing and inhibitory processes on visual attention in normally ageing older adults