

2012 APS Prize winners

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

Sophie Parham

Australian Catholic University
Thesis title – *Images and false recall: Evidence for a relational/item-specific trade-off in short-term memory*

Pauline D'Rozario

Australian College of Applied Psychology
Thesis title – *The relationship between reliance on external memory aids and prospective memory performance on a laboratory-based and naturalistic prospective memory task*

Joanne Lane

Australian National University
Thesis title – *Integrating holistic processing and face space coding approaches to the perception of facial identity*

Angela Glindemann

Bond University
Thesis title – *Perceived benefits and adjustment to caring for older adults: The moderating role of stress appraisal*

Julijana Chochovski

Cairnmillar Institute
Thesis title – *Recovery after unsuccessful in vitro fertilisation: The complex role of resilience and marital relationships*

Belinda Goodwin

Central Queensland University
Thesis title – *Coping with peer rejection in early adolescence: The role of cognitive reappraisal, co-rumination, rejection sensitivity and gender*

Kate Savage

Charles Darwin University
Thesis title – *Are Australian women embracing the 'super woman' ideal?*

Tammy Orreal-Scarborough

Charles Sturt University
Thesis title – *Suicidality as a function of post-traumatic stress disorder and relationship quality in Australian Vietnam veterans and their partners*

Emma Penman

Curtin University
Thesis title – *The right to grieve: Public perceptions of grief following bereavement*

Rebecca Fitzpatrick

Deakin University
Thesis title – *The relationship between sign-tracking, impulsivity and alcohol use*

Rebecca New

Edith Cowen University
Thesis title – *African refugee mothers' experiences of their children's school readiness and the role of supported playgroup*

Benjamin Castine

Flinders University
Thesis title – *The effect of distractor stimulation on horizontal and vertical perceptual asymmetries*

Dagmara Rychter

Griffith University
Thesis title – *The psychological effects of paracetamol*

Mercia Wessels

James Cook University
Thesis title – *Liking on facebook: The relationships between attachment styles and facebook behaviour*

Michelle Coleman

La Trobe University
Thesis title – *The effect of induced mood on hemispheric asymmetries for language and face processing*

Jasmina Vrankovic

Macquarie University
Thesis title – *Selection by semantic category: Performance in iconic memory tasks using word stimuli*

Aron Hill

Monash University
Thesis title – *Emotional modulation of the mirror neuron system: A transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) study*

Laura Thompson

Murdoch University
Thesis title – *Desiring to be desired: A discursive analysis of women's responses to the 'raunch culture' debates*

Melissa Greben

Queensland University of Technology
Thesis title – *Psychotherapeutic treatment for persons with schizophrenia: Recovery and narrative processes*

Jasmine Trigwell

RMIT University
Thesis title – *Nature connectedness and eudemonic wellbeing: Spirituality as a potential mediator*

Alison Young

Southern Cross University
Thesis title – *The initial transposed-letter effect: A comparison between English and Thai visual word recognition*

Lauren Pigdon

Swinburne University of Technology
Thesis title – *Neural correlates of auditory change detection in infants at high-risk of autism spectrum disorders*

Carly Sutherland

University of Adelaide
Thesis title – *Knowledge, skills and attitudes (KSAS) of rural and remote psychologists*

Joanna Tran

University of Ballarat
Thesis title – *The relationship between different facets of impulsivity and alcohol use patterns in emerging adulthood*

Amanda Markovic

University of Canberra
Thesis title – *Arthur or Martha: Investigating gender differences in attitudes concerning dementia*

Nicholas Burden

University of Melbourne
Thesis title – *Perceptions of humanness over time*

Rhiannon Hampton

University of Newcastle
Thesis title – *Health risk behaviours and preventative health care delivery: A comparison of generalist and specialist mental health community services*

Michael Walton

University of New England
Thesis title – *Understanding hypersexuality*

Caitlin Sien Ming Cowan

University of New South Wales
Thesis title – *Probiotic treatment attenuates the impact of early life stress on memory and extinction in infant rats*

Kathleen Kjelsaas

University of Queensland
Thesis title – *Men in pink collars: Stereotype threat and disengagement among male primary school teachers*

Laura McLaughlin Engfors

University of South Australia
Thesis title – *Individual differences in face perception: A role for personality*

Nicole McDonald

University of Southern Queensland
Thesis title – *The reciprocal relationships between negative problem orientation, mindfulness and depression: A path analysis*

Monika Kent

University of Sydney
Thesis title – *The effect of concurrent conditioning during extinction on recovery of responding at test in the rat*

Caitlin Foley

University of Tasmania
Thesis title – *The impact of serotonin (5-HT) on lateral inhibition among V1 and V2 orientation-selective neurons*

Ben Lane

University of the Sunshine Coast
Thesis title – *Parent and teacher perceptions of adaptive and challenging behaviour in young children with autism spectrum disorders*

Serena Cribb

University of Western Australia
Thesis title – *Critical input features for global shape processing*

Jennifer Read

University of Western Sydney
Thesis title – *Investigating mindfulness, premenstrual coping and premenstrual distress in women's experience of premenstrual change*

Claire Mogensen

University of Wollongong
Thesis title – *The talker variability effect in serial recall: A reflection of typical processing or specific task demand?*

Melanie McGuire

Victoria University
Thesis title – *Work stress, work-life balance and employer support for Australian academics*