

2016 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.

Freya Hanly

Australian Catholic University
Thesis title – *Choosing to be blue: A study of contra-hedonic emotion regulation in daily life*

Kathy Plumridge

Australian College of Applied Psychology
Thesis title – *It was the elephant in the room: Experiences of same sex attracted students in all-boys catholic schools*

Kelly Battocchio

Australian National University
Thesis title – *Inattentive blindness: The role of expectation and perceptual similarity outside of semantic category*

Wayne Arnold

Bond University
Thesis title – *The relationship between autistic traits and compulsive internet use: A comparison of psychopathological and social mediators*

Jessica Robinson

Cairnmillar Institute
Thesis title – *The subjective wellbeing of first-time fathers*

Roy Hamilton

Central Queensland University
Thesis title – *Examining change fatigue and organisational structure and process change*

Brenna Schroeder

Charles Darwin University
Thesis title – *Exploring the relationship between personality and bullying: An investigation of parental perceptions and expectations*

Sarah Bowman

Charles Sturt University
Thesis title – *Virtual healthcare: LGBT young adult perceptions of Internet-based mental health services in regional, rural and remote Australia*

Kim Christian

Curtin University
Thesis title – *Religious and spiritual beliefs in the development of prolonged grief disorder*

Sarah Knor

Deakin University
Thesis title – *Reciprocity between sleep rhythmicity and behaviour problems in early childhood*

Nicholas Tan

Edith Cowan University
Thesis title – *An unsatisfied need for relatedness potentially feels painful*

Emily Pattison

Federation University Australia
Thesis title – *The Role of perceived threat in Australians: Endorsement of Asylum Seeker Policies*

Victoria Bridgland

Flinders University
Thesis title – *Is forewarned always forearmed? Effects of trigger warnings on reactions to negative and neutrally valenced stimuli*

Chloe Kidd

Griffith University
Thesis title – *Junk food advertising moderates the indirect effect of reward sensitivity and food consumption via the urge to eat*

Rosa Quintieri

James Cook University
Thesis title – *When guessing helps: Hyper-retention of correct guesses*

Priscilla Savopoulos

La Trobe University
Thesis title – *Using orthographic and semantic priming to examine hemispheric differences in the processing of compound words*

Maia Zucco

Macquarie University
Thesis title – *Neurophysiological measure of auditory discrimination*

Ria Jumabhoy

Monash University
Thesis title – *Validation of wrist-worn sleep measurement devices against polysomnography in healthy adults*

Kym Wansbrough

Murdoch University
Thesis title – *The efficacy of non-invasive brain stimulation protocols for inducing neuroplasticity in the primary motor cortex*

Julie Vermeir

Queensland University of Technology
Thesis title – *Effects of attentional bias modification on pain and associated health outcomes in a community-based sample with chronic pain: A double-blind, randomised, controlled trial*

Danielle Dabley

RMIT University
Thesis title – *Exploring the protective role of fathers' and mothers' involvement in adolescent suicidal ideation*

Emma Murphy

Southern Cross University
Thesis title – *Continuous and discrete reciprocal hand movements differentially impact performance on a concurrent verbal serial recall task*

Toni Pikoos

Swinburne University of Technology
Thesis title – *Influence of COMT gene variation on performance of the stop-signal task: An MEG study*

Tassia Oswald

University of Adelaide
Thesis title – *Stress and academic success at university: Exploring student stress, the nature of the stress-academic success relationship, and the association of stress mindsets*

Kathleen Myer

University of Canberra
Thesis title – *Episodic future thinking and decision-making*

Madeline Anderson

University of Melbourne
Thesis title – *The effects of alcohol mixed with energy drinks on the sleep electroencephalogram in young adults*

Katherine Doutney

University of New England
Thesis title – *Purity versus harm: Increasing climate-change engagement through moral framing*

Savannah Minihan

University of New South Wales
Thesis title – *Imagining as an observer: Manipulating visual perspective in prospective obsessional imagery*

Aimee Mitchell

University of Newcastle
Thesis title – *Binocular rivalry dynamics of social versus non-social stimuli: relevance for autism*

Brendan Farrugia

University of Queensland
Thesis title – *The effect of social group prototypicality on role model choices*

Nicola Brewer

University of South Australia
Thesis title – *Debugging a path towards acceptance of edible insects*

Diana Le Clercq

University of Southern Queensland
Thesis title – *The Trail Making Test: Comparing the original and Delis-Kaplan Executive Function System versions*

Chloe Watson

University of Sydney
Thesis title – *Shape constancy and symmetry: Are certain 3D objects viewpoint invariant?*

Laura Brumby

University of Tasmania
Thesis title – *The metacognitive monitoring and study decisions of incremental theorists*

Darren Pinks

University of the Sunshine Coast
Thesis title – *Experiences of partners of prostate cancer survivors: A qualitative study*

Anna Jorgensen

University of Western Australia
Thesis title – *The relationships between aerobic physical activity, prospective memory and resting brain glucose metabolism in older adults*

Naomi Mansell

University of Wollongong
Thesis title – *The effect of radio frequency electromagnetic field exposure on sleep in children and adolescents*

Sarala Muttiah

Victoria University
Thesis title – *The conscientiousness conundrum: Does the personality trait and its facets predict performance on objective measures of executive functioning?*

Madison Hannon

Western Sydney University
Thesis title – *Using body shapes to alter food preferences: Does the relationship matter?*