

2011 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.

Clare Ryrle

Australian Catholic University
Thesis title – *Future thinking as a strategy for prospective memory in young and older adults*

Erin Walsh

Australian National University
Thesis title – *The impact of rumination and worry on nightly sleep: A trait and state approach*

Apsara Telwatte

Bond University
Thesis title – *The adolescent depression scale: Predicting adolescent depression after vicarious exposure to natural disaster induced stressors*

Dominica Kazan

Central Queensland University
Thesis title – *Adult adjustment to coeliac disease: The role of coping and health locus of control*

Susan Glencross

Charles Darwin University
Thesis title – *Psychological factors influencing individuals' propensity to seek mental health services*

Yvette Eriksen

Charles Sturt University
Thesis title - *Revisiting the 'Depressive Paradox': Investigating the relationship between characterological self-blame, negative attributional style and depressive symptoms*

Lucy Wing-Yee Chan

Curtin University
Thesis title – *A moral basis for recycling: Extending the theory of planned behaviour*

Alexa Hayley

Deakin University
Thesis title – *The effect of recalled behaviour and social proximity on helping intention: An experimental study of moral cleansing*

Beron Tan Wei Zhong

Edith Cowan University
Thesis title – *Physical activity: Its implications on attention span and quality of life in children with autism spectrum disorder*

Nicola Guerin

Flinders University
Thesis title – *Do witnesses recall to reject? The role of recollection in line-up decisions*

Allana Canty

Griffith University
Thesis title – *The validity and utility of a virtual reality prospective memory task for use with individuals with traumatic brain injury*

Annalise Avitabile

Monash University
Thesis title – *The effect of isoflurane and ketamine on blood-brain barrier permeability*

Eliza Birtles

James Cook University
Thesis title – *Organisational and individual factors contributing to job satisfaction, dissatisfaction and burnout for oncology and palliative care nurses*

Claire Stewart

La Trobe University
Thesis title – *The roles of mindfulness, meditation and empathy in predicting and promoting interpersonal forgiveness at a dispositional and state level*

Julia Plumb

Macquarie University
Thesis title – *The influence of histone deacetylase inhibition on the extinction and reinstatement of methamphetamine-induced conditioned place preference*

Maroulia Katsipis

Murdoch University
Thesis title – *Visual imagery and reading enjoyment: A situation model investigation*

Brooke Poulsen

Queensland University of Technology
Thesis title – *Mentalisation from an attachment perspective: Enduring and contextual felt-security*

Vicky Bablas

RMIT University
Thesis title – *Body checking behaviours, body checking cognitions and obsessive beliefs in Australian women*

Marta Maspero

Southern Cross University
Thesis title – *Stimulus equivalence and bilingualism*

James Russo

Swinburne University
Thesis title – *A phenomenological enquiry into the process, motives and outcomes of meditation practice*

Laura Taplin

University of Adelaide
Thesis title – *Organisational personality: Exploring organisational culture using a Big-Five personality model*

Sally Bradford

University of Canberra
Thesis title – *Factors influencing young people's choice of professional help for mental health concerns*

Monika Raniti

University of Melbourne
Thesis title – *Sleep restriction and sleep quality: Associations with depressive symptoms across adolescence*

Alexandra Metse

University of Newcastle
Thesis title – *Form deprivation of myopia and NOS expression in the guinea pig retina*

Katrina Grasby

University of New England
Thesis title – *Does lesioning the anterior claustrum of rats result in behavioural impairments commonly expressed in schizophrenia?*

Emily White

University of New South Wales
Thesis title – *Animal models of aberrant salience in schizophrenia: A comparison of amphetamine and phencyclidine sensitisation*

Michael Thai

University of Queensland
Thesis title – *When ethnic deviance is desired: The curious case of the perceptual foreigner*

Rachel Samson

University of South Australia
Thesis title – *Patterns in adolescent sleep, sleepiness and mood: Biological and psychosocial influences*

Elizabeth Blight

University of Southern Queensland
Thesis title – *A comparison of fathers and mothers on the factors associated with childhood feeding difficulties*

Frances Butler

University of the Sunshine Coast
Thesis title – *An investigation of stages of physical activity behaviour changes in mothers*

Andrew Comensoli

University of Sydney
Thesis title – *Personality in context: A multi-level investigation of the relationship between situational appraisals and momentary personality*

Hollie Blackley

University of Tasmania
Thesis title – *Spelling pseudowords: The effects of word characteristics and language exposure*

Stephanie Wade

University of Western Australia
Thesis title – *Effects of transcranial direct current stimulation (TDCS) on action observation*

Leanne Bugden

University of Western Sydney
Thesis title – *The effect of musical harmonic expectations on performance in a structured arithmetic task: Shared or separable resources?*

Lauren Turner

University of Wollongong
Thesis title – *Approach, avoidance and fear: An investigation into a theoretical relationship between BIS/BAS/FFFS sensitivity and social functioning in adolescence*

Borjan Milinkovic

Victoria University
Thesis title – *Young Australian adults' perceptions of and attitudes towards individuals diagnosed with schizophrenia: An interpretative phenomenological analysis*