

2015 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.

Elizabeth Penrose

Australian Catholic University
Thesis title – *Life for long-term caregivers: Psychological wellbeing of caregivers of young adults who have cerebral palsy*

Alexandra Page

Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP)
Thesis title – *The effects of thin-ideal internalization, body surveillance and self-silencing on the eating attitudes of women living with vision impairment*

Rebecca Lawrence

Australian National University
Thesis title – *Endogenous changes in attentional scaling and visual perception*

Rayan Lazki

Bond University
Thesis title – *Can we trust the kids? Perceptions of child witness credibility*

Siobhan Williams

Cairnmillar Institute
Thesis title – *The effects of a mindfulness-based intervention on subjective sleep and mood states in adolescent females*

Helen Sariban

Central Queensland University
Thesis title – *Australian women: Adapting to age-related appearance change*

Christiana Pownall

Charles Darwin University
Thesis title – *Distress and coping in paramedics*

Adam Vujic

Charles Sturt University
Thesis title – *Switching on or switching off? Everyday computer use as a predictor of sustained attention and cognitive reflection*

Alina Thompson

Curtin University
Thesis title – *US-Reactivation facilitates reconsolidation of conditional fear to fear-relevant and fear-irrelevant stimuli*

Sam Collins

Deakin University
Thesis title – *Adolescent antecedents of emerging adults? Preparedness to care*

Gemma Taylor

Edith Cowan University
Thesis title – *Being trans: An interpretative phenomenological study of young adults*

Kym Riley

Federation University Australia
Thesis title – *Relationship between fatigue and depressive symptoms in mothers of young children: Investigating mindfulness as a moderator*

Cara Rossi

Flinders University
Thesis title – *Dealing with divergent narratives after a transgression*

Devi Gopinathan

Griffith University
Thesis title – *Can positivity be negative? Investigating the association between Asian Australians' contact with White Australians and intentions to engage in anti-racist collective action*

Mikaela Berzinski

James Cook University
Thesis title – *Surprising feedback drives the hypercorrection effect*

Carla McEnery

La Trobe University
Thesis title – *Multifaceted trait mindfulness: Are distinct attention skills associated with the Acting with Awareness facet?*

Molly Gill

Macquarie University
Thesis title – *Neurobiological changes in the prelimbic cortex following chronic methamphetamine use: A proteomic analysis*

Louisa Selvadurai

Monash University
Thesis title – *The mapping of cortical thickness in Friedreich Ataxia: The IMAGE-FRDA study*

Stephanie Securo

Murdoch University
Thesis title – *The effects of obesity epidemic discourses on anti-fat prejudice: Is target age a moderator?*

Anne Overell

Queensland University of Technology
Thesis title – *Whom were you expecting? Expectations about person identity modulate the face N170*

Madeline Stainsby

RMIT University
Thesis title – *Reducing sleep-onset latency in pre-school children using slow-frequency tones: A pilot study*

Emily Sharpe

Southern Cross University
Thesis title – *The effect of attitudes and registration opportunity on organ donor registrations*

Meredith Allen

Swinburne University of Technology
Thesis title – *Helping and altruism in young children: The familiarity effect*

Karina Burns

University of Adelaide
Thesis title – *Trait-confidence in young and older adults: A single factor captured by both online and self-report measures?*

Rachel Frost

University of Canberra
Thesis title – *The effect of internalised stigma and group identification on psychological distress and life satisfaction among young people not in employment, education, or training (NEET)*

Stella Mihailova

University of Melbourne
Thesis title – *Children cannot use abstract endogenous cues to orient attention in time or space*

Karen Gould

University of New England
Thesis title – *Gene-environment interactions in ADHD: The roles of SES and chaos*

Natalie Marie Reily

University of New South Wales
Thesis title – *The portion size effect on food intake is robust to contextual size information*

Caitlin Fehily

University of Newcastle
Thesis title – *A randomised controlled trial of a population level approach to smoking cessation for persons with mental illness*

Siling Jocelyn Liao

University of Queensland
Thesis title – *Examining agreement between parent and child reports of child posttraumatic stress disorder in children admitted to pediatric intensive care units*

Emily Lawrie

University of South Australia
Thesis title – *State mindfulness: Antecedents and consequences in the workplace and beyond*

Trilas Leeman

University of Southern Queensland
Thesis title – *Effects of cross-cultural value orientations on subjective well-being and turnover intentions in an Australian sample*

Francis Merson

University of Sydney
Thesis title – *Joining the dots: Connectedness affects perceived numerosity lawfully*

Angus Ling

University of Tasmania
Thesis title – *The effect of coffee craving on memory and feeling-of-knowing judgement accuracy*

Katelyn Dawson

University of the Sunshine Coast
Thesis title – *Factors influencing concussion identification and management in amateur Australian Rules football*

Melissa Legendre

University of Western Australia
Thesis title – *Does perceived meaningfulness offer resilience in an experimental test of the interpersonal theory of suicide*

Thomasin Powell

University of Wollongong
Thesis title – *Fostering control: Can children's self-regulation be enhanced through interactive stories?*

Alana Fishman

Victoria University
Thesis title – *How are Muslims constructed as 'Other' in political discourse regarding National Security: A Foucauldian Discourse Analysis*

Lauren Smith

Western Sydney University
Thesis title – *The effect of modifications to speech rhythm on sentence intelligibility in noise*