

## 2017 APS Prize winners

The APS Prize is awarded to each student who gains first place at the end of an accredited fourth-year program in psychology through an Australian higher education provider.

### Jenny Bui

Australian Catholic University  
*Psychometric Evaluation of the Assessment of Quality of Life Questionnaire (AQoL-8D) in Adults with Obesity Seeking Bariatric Surgery*

### Joel Goulter

Australian College of Applied Psychology  
*Adaptive Cognition: Expertise, Executive Function and Attentional Load*

### Danushika Sivanathan

Australian National University  
*Vulnerable Narcissism as a Mediator of the Relationship between Perceived Parental Invalidation and Eating Pathology*

### Monique Bremner

Bond University  
*The 'I's', 'A's', and Cigarette Butts of Chronic Smoking: The Roles of Alexithymia and Impulsiveness*

### Jessica Pearson

Cairnmillar Institute  
*Fat Talk and its Effects on State-Based Body Image in Women*

### Janene Dravnsnik

Central Queensland University  
*Canine Co-Therapy: The Potential of Dogs to Improve the Acceptability of Trauma-Focused Therapies for Children*

### Nikki Tina Curtin

Charles Darwin University  
*Singing for Freedom: Popular Songs as Pathways for Healing the Past and Instilling Hope for the Future in Australia*

### Karen Griffith

Charles Sturt University  
*What Are You Looking At? Investigating the Interaction of Facial Expression, Eye-Gaze and the Detection of Threat*

### Hayley Grant

Curtin University  
*Metamemory and Objective Memory as Predictors of Quality of Life in Parkinson's Disease*

### Alexandra Lavale

Deakin University  
*Mirror Neurons and Facial Emotion Recognition: The Role of Facial Mimicry*

### Stephanie Black

Edith Cowan University  
*Investigating the Relationship Between Preferences for Therapists' Sex and Seeking Mental Health Support Among a Sample of Australian Respondents*

### Timothy Campbell

Federation University Australia  
*Sensory-Processing Sensitivity: A Model to Predict Social Anxiety*

### Madelaine de Valle

Flinders University  
*Brief Online Cognitive Behaviour Therapy for Perfectionism: Intervention Evaluation and Investigation of Moderators*

### Rachelle Wicks

Griffith University  
*Predictors and Correlates of Family Outcomes of Early Intervention for Young Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder*

### Alannah Giavara

ISN Psychology  
*Examining the Psychosocial Outcomes Experienced by Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest Survivors*

### Monique Champion

James Cook University  
*Improving Mental Health Outcomes Following Mild to Moderate Traumatic Brain Injury: A Pilot Study*

### Mai Loan Nguyen

La Trobe University  
*Subjective Cognitive Decline and Differential List-Learning and Story-Recall in Preclinical Alzheimer's Disease*

### Daniel Guilbert

Macquarie University  
*Familiarity and the Emotional Attentional Blink*

### Emma Thompson

Monash University  
*Interaction Patterns in Transdiagnostic Group Cognitive-Behaviour Therapy for Anxiety*

### Amber English

Murdoch University  
*The Relationship Between Pain and Arousal: The Modulation of Noxious Sensation by the Brain's Alerting Network*

### Georgina Rose David

Queensland University of Technology  
*Understanding the Effect of Core-Belief Disruption, Rumination and Disclosure as Predictors of Posttraumatic Growth and Posttraumatic Depreciation*

### Tanya Xu

RMIT University  
*Effects of Consuming Daily Sucrose with/without Caffeine on Anxiety, Memory, and Neuroplasticity and Neuroproliferation Markers in Adolescent Male Rats*

### Rachel Clark

Southern Cross University  
*Facebook Use and Psychological Needs in Older Adults*

### Kim Morris

Swinburne University of Technology  
*Investigating Response Inhibition and the Role of the COMT Gene in Schizophrenia Using Magnetoence Photography*

### Brittany Child

University of Adelaide  
*Exploring the Role of Working Memory in Associative Learning: How Do Increases in Working Memory-Load Affect Performance on a Human Causal Learning Task?*

### Micah Boerma

University of Canberra  
*Grit and Self-Control as Predictors of Academic Achievement and Academic Satisfaction at University*

### Carra Simpson

University of Melbourne  
*Healthy Body, Healthy Mind... Healthy Mouth? – An Investigation of Oral Bacteria, Cortisol and C-reactive Protein in Adolescent Depression and Anxiety*

### Rachel Chesham

University of New England  
*Meta Analysis of the Efficacy of Virtual Reality Exposure Therapy for Social Anxiety*

### Christian La Spina

University of New South Wales  
*The Role of Ventral Tegmental Area GABA Neurons in the Renewal of Extinguished Alcohol Seeking*

### Aimee Bennett

University of Newcastle  
*The Tortoise or the Hare? Speed-Accuracy Trade-Off and the Influence of Experimental Design*

### Blake Saurels

University of Queensland  
*The Influence of Surprise on Time Perception and Visual Sensitivity*

### Li Zou

University of South Australia  
*Predictive Coding in Second Language Processing*

### Jacob Ducat

University of Southern Queensland  
*Examining the Impact of Comprehensive versus Constrained Test Batteries*

### Manuel Seet

University of Sydney  
*Conditioned Motor Inhibition: A Neurophysiological and Behavioural Investigation of Learned Stimulus-Stop Associations*

### Lucy Gillespie

University of Tasmania  
*Smiley or Not: Children's Use of and Response to Emojis and Punctuation in Digital Communication*

### Tharen Kander

University of the Sunshine Coast  
*Facebook Engagement: Socially Connected or Socially Isolated?*

### Rebecca Cole

University of Western Australia  
*The Role of Dysfunctional Sleep Beliefs, Maladaptive Perfectionism and Worry About Sleep in Perception of Sleep Quantity and Quality*

### Maryann Barrington

University of Wollongong  
*Linguistic Familiarity and Co-articulation in the Serial Recall of Mixed and Pure Lists*

### Eirini Leonaki

Victoria University  
*Grandiose and Vulnerable Narcissism: Differences and Similarities in Self-Regulatory Strategies*

### Lena Crystal Hattom

Western Sydney University  
*The Relationship Between Mixed Emotions and Psychological Well-being: A Possible Role for Ambiguity Tolerance*