2014 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.

Adam Clemente
Australian Catholic University
Thesis title – Exploring the metaphoric transfer of “un/reasid” on negative emotions

David Johnston
Australian College of Applied Psychology (ACAP)
Thesis title – The application of naturalistic decision making to explore cue use in rugby league players

Bryan Shi Chuen Neo
Australian National University
Thesis title – Examining psychopathic personality traits in the workplace

Nicole Mathieson
Bond University
Thesis title – Blame it on the alcohol: Effects of acute alcohol consumption on decision-making

Bernadette Crompton
Cairnmar Institute
Thesis title – Determining the relationships between sense of self-identity, meaning in life, social support, and prolonged grief in the bereaved

Angela Bleasdale
Central Queensland University
Thesis title – Fruit, vegetables and psychological well-being: Another application for mindfulness?

Jessica Vahdat
Charles Darwin University
Thesis title – Exploring the relationship between volunteering and subjective wellbeing

Justin Cole
Charles Sturt University
Thesis title – Do self-compassion and gratitude exercises improve subjective well-being? Investigating their comparative effectiveness, incremental validity, and whether they work via the anticipated theoretical mechanisms

Tamala Cox
Curtin University
Thesis title – Do risk-averse cognitive biases predict social anxiety symptoms in a non-clinical sample?

Felicity Ho
Deakin University
Thesis title – Transgender mental health and standards of care

Esther Gribble
Edith Cowen University
Thesis title – Exploring family resilience through the experiences of mothers raising a child with autism spectrum disorder

Rebecca Firman
Federation University Australia
Thesis title – The associations between facets of impulsivity and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder factors

Douglas Hayes
Flinders University
Thesis title – Attention bias and emotional regulation in young adults

Avneel Reddy
Griffith University
Thesis title – An investigation of factors influencing changes in emotional and behavioural self-concept following traumatic brain injury

Rachel Gibson
James Cook University
Thesis title – Connection, distraction and mood

Frances Boyer
LaTrobe University
Thesis title – Consequences of the Glass Cliff: Evaluations of male and female leaders following failure

Amelia Scott
Macquarie University
Thesis title – Illness-specific mechanisms of symptom severity in Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Rachel Lim
Monash University
Thesis title – Evidence of association between HKDC1 and YPEL3 genes and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: A candidate gene study

Rebecca Cooper
Murdock University
Thesis title – Top-down modulation of task features in rapid instructed task learning

Elizabeth Parr
Queensland University of Technology
Thesis title – Examining the relationship between school connectedness, attachment, interpersonal rejection sensitivity and adolescent depression

Renelle Baker
RMIT University
Thesis title – Processing speed, verbal episodic, and non-verbal memory impairments in relapsing-remitting Multiple Sclerosis

Elizabeth Hanley
Southern Cross University
Thesis title – Approach and avoidance motivation linked with Facebook

Noam Dishon
Swinburne University of Technology
Thesis title – Investigating the impact of memory, individual difference and social influence on Choice Blindness

Emma Burton
University of Adelaide
Thesis title – Illusory control in regular gamblers: The contribution of delusion-proneness

Brendan Hutchinson
University of Canberra
Thesis title – Social validation: A motivational theory of doping in an online bodybuilding community

Russell Boag
University of Melbourne
Thesis title – Temporal learning dynamics in probabilistic decision-making: A diffusion model analysis

Mele Fong
University of New England
Thesis title – Examining the mediating role of self-compassion in student psychological health

Sarah Altman
University of New South Wales
Thesis title – A face only a mother could love? The effect of previous maternal stress on offspring attractiveness and social behaviour

Claire Bullen
University of Newcastle
Thesis title – Resilience to the mental health impacts of school bullying victimisation: The role of internal and external protective factors

Gareth Vaughan
University of Queensland
Thesis title – The role of self-categorisation in shaping human needs

Jessica Tigan
University of South Australia
Thesis title – Muscle Dysmorphia: An emerging nosological entity

Megan James
University of Southern Queensland
Thesis title – The empowered workforce: The influence of empowering leadership on motivation and commitment

William Ngiam
University of Sydney
Thesis title – Encoding and capacity limits in visual working memory are not set by stimulus complexity

Catherine Bishop
University of Tasmania
Thesis title – The effect of true and false feedback on the detection of targets in a low-prevalence airport security search task

Andrew Allen
University of the Sunshine Coast
Thesis title – Development of a revised word stem completion task and the examination of differential media effects on male body satisfaction, mood, and schema activation

Emily Tuckey
University of Western Australia
Thesis title – Exposing SCAMs as a method to correct against climate change misinformation

Marc Himmelberg
University of Western Sydney
Thesis title – Adaptation to orientation regularity and its relation to orientation anisotropies within the visual system

Trent Koessler
University of Wollongong
Thesis title – Where do we accommodate when viewing the hollow-face illusion?

Anthony Barnett
Victoria University
Thesis title – The clinical impact of the brain disease model of alcohol and drug addiction: Exploring the attitudes of community-based AOD clinicians in Australia