2013 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.

Rose Ferguson
Australian Catholic University
Thesis title – Tactile roughness: effects on social perception and behaviour in social exchanges

Michael Darby
Australian College of Applied Psychology
Thesis title – Mindfulness training for allied health professionals: A qualitative investigation using workbooks and semi-structured interviews

Kimbra Ransley
Australian National University
Thesis title – Visual deficits in isoluminance: The role of spatial resolution

Daniel Murphy
Bond University
Thesis title – The relationship between homophobia, disgust sensitivity, social conservatism, religious fundamentalism and conservative sexual attitudes

Katherine (Kate) Gibson
Cairnmaril Institute
Thesis title – Labels and limits

Vanessa Thompson
Central Queensland University
Thesis title – Social identity online and the cultural devaluation of introversion

Angela Marriner
Charles Darwin University
Thesis title – Do the predictors of exercise reflect people’s stages of change?

Janeece Vann
Charles Sturt University
Thesis title – Perceptions of adolescent-perpetrated child sexual abuse: Does gender matter?

Katie Martin
Curtin University
Thesis title – Virtual social influence: Diffusion of responsibility on social networking sites

Ben Pizzirani
Deakin University
Thesis title – Investigating the associations between insecure attachment, gender and the perceptions of sexual coercion perpetration

Bethwyn Rowe
Edith Cowan University
Thesis title – Motherless mothers: The lived experience of maternally bereaved women in their everyday roles as mothers

Stephanie Morey
Flinders University

Dominika Ludvik
Griffith University
Thesis title – Cognitive restructuring and detached mindfulness: Comparative impact on a compulsive checking task

Renee Weller
James Cook University
Thesis title – Subjective wellbeing among older adults

Prudence Allan
La Trobe University
Thesis title – The path from subclinical autism to anxiety and depression: Does it go through stressed inflexibility?

Catherine Browning
Macquarie University
Thesis title – The role of the Basic Orthographic Syllable Structure (BOSS) in letter position coding

Caroline Roberts
Monash University
Thesis title – The duration of posttraumatic amnesia on the Westmead PTA scale: Order of item recovery and comparison with retrospective reports

Jin Jiang (Theodore) Teow
Murdoch University
Thesis title – Effect of familyynchrony and hemisphere on metaphor comprehension

Nicholas Kerswell
Queensland University of Technology
Thesis title – Understanding gluten-free diet adherence for individuals with coeliac disease

Christopher Calleja
RMIT University
Thesis title – Academic cheating amongst Australian undergraduate students: Individual and contextual variables

Royce Willis
Southern Cross University
Thesis title – Fishing for attitudes: The development of tools to assess

Philip Sumner
Swinburne University of Technology
Thesis title – An investigation into the neuropsychology of Body Integrity Identity Disorder (BIID)

Rebecca Black
University of Adelaide
Thesis title – Bio-psychosocial risk and protective factors for resilience in multiple sclerosis

Gillian Cassar
University of Ballarat
Thesis title – The buffering effect of trait emotional self-efficacy on the association between perceived control of internal states and trait anxiety

Ben Kwan
University of Canberra
Thesis title – Perspective taking and its role in reducing prejudice towards asylum seekers

Carly Schrever
University of Melbourne
Thesis title – Focusing in the personality: A first attempt at reducing female sexual objectification

Mathew Marchant
University of Newcastle
Thesis title – Procedural accounts for cross-species differences in decision making: Practice and reward timing

Alice Hone
University of New England
Thesis title – Putting the pieces together: Exploring the relationships between childhood adversity, impulsivity, compulivity and non-suicidal self-injury

Gabrielle King
University of New South Wales
Thesis title – The “two-hit” effect is not observed in voluntarily separated juvenile rats: A resilient period of development?

Cooper Smout
University of Queensland
Thesis title – Attending to the unseen: The effects of spatial attention on neural responses to visible and invisible stimuli

Daniel Feuerriegel
University of South Australia
Thesis title – Neural adaption of the n200 is affected by adaptor stimulus duration and interstimulus interval

Theresa Bates
University of Southern Queensland
Thesis title – The experience of relocation to an area of high amenity in Australia

Anuja Ng
University of Sydney
Thesis title – Awareness facilitates, but is unnecessary for, classical conditioning of simple and differential goal-seeking responses

Miriam Rainsford
University of Tasmania
Thesis title – Unconscious plagiarism in music

Bryony Kitter
University of the Sunshine Coast
Thesis title – A qualitative study of caregivers’ support needs and factors promoting resiliency after brain injury: An analysis of perspectives from caregivers and service providers

Khan Collins
University of Western Australia
Thesis title – Beyond the interpersonal theory of suicide: Does zest for life moderate the effect of perceived burdensomeness and thwarted belongingness on ‘suicidal desire’ as measured by an experimental analogue task?

Amy Dryden
University of Western Sydney
Thesis title – Young women’s construction and subjective experiences of their post-cancer fertility

Dylan Pickering
University of Wollongong
Thesis title – Investigating the mechanisms of mindfulness: Nonattachment and repetitive negative thinking

Daniella Zileski
Victoria University
Thesis title – Reaching for the stars: Investigating educational aspirations and expectations within a resilience framework