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
Cairnsmillar 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

Miakela 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 Friedrich Ataxia: The IMAGE-FRDA study

Stephanie Securo
Murdoch University
Thesis title – The effects of obesity epidemic discourses on an 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 Sharp
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 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