School of Psychology and Psychiatry

Research Degrees Information Session

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Director, Research Degrees
WHY IS THE SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY UNIQUE

• Brings together disciplines of Psychology and Psychiatry into a successful academic partnership, the only one of a kind in Australia

• Has researchers who are conducting cutting-edge research and are internationally renowned who will offer you a high quality research experience

• Psychology at Monash University was ranked 35th in the world University Rankings*

• MyPsychlab@Monash is a new innovation bringing a personalised approach to undergraduate teaching

• Monash University is a member of the prestigious M8 Alliance

*Quacquarelli Symond, 2011
Monash Institute of Graduate Research (MIGR)

- MIGR administers research degree programs across the university to ensure they meet the highest standards.

- MIGR is a dedicated service providing professional, world-class support for research students and the researchers who guide them.

- MIGR develop policies to guide research ethics, and supervise the supervisors to ensure our students excel.
STRUCTURE OF RESEARCH DEGREES WITHIN THE SCHOOL

Director, Research Degrees
Professor Nellie Georgiou-Karistianis

Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Psychology
Professor Nicole Rinehart

Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Neuropsychology
Dr Rene Stolwyk (on behalf of Professor Jennie Ponsford)

PhD Studies
Professor Nellie Georgiou-Karistianis

Academic Registrar
Dr Dana Wong
Scholarships
$23,728 per year for 3 years (tax free)

Who can apply?
Australian and international applicants who are applying for a research degree program:
• PhD
• DPsych
• MPhil
• MBioMedSci

Requirements
First Class Honours Degree
Students completing Honours this year should apply, pending their results
Scholarships & Candidature

Complete and submit scholarship application online

www.mrgs.monash.edu.au/scholarships/apply

Closing Date: 31 October 2012

DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY - PhD

Duration

3.5 years

Full-Time Research only

Fees

Domestic student free

International student annual tuition fee

Application and referee report forms


No closing date for PhD applications (students can apply anytime throughout the year)
Why do a PhD?

- You independently investigate a research problem that you have formulated. Your research is expected to make a significant contribution to your discipline.

- At Monash you will be supervised by a minimum of 2 supervisors.

- Travel and present your research findings at international conferences.

- Work submitted is presented in the form of a thesis, normally comprised of publications that have appeared as papers in scholarly journals.

- A PhD degree is internationally regarded and will give you authoritative standing in your field; work as a postdoctoral research fellow overseas.
Transferrable skills from PhD study

- Oral and written communication
- Information technology
- Handling of data/statistics
- Problem-solving
- Analytical skills
- Interpersonal & team work
Feedback slide after the event for improvements

- Talk more about research and what it involves to do research from thinking about the project to design, to conduct to analysis to write up. Give examples of each step using your work and perhaps providing a paper example (with title, authors etc).

- Have research projects listed on your slides to give a research flavour – doesn't work otherwise

- Separate the admin from the research degrees and PhD part. Beef up PhD talk (as per above)
Our student projects are listed under our research themes:

- Addiction and Consciousness
- Brain Injury and Rehabilitation
- Culture and Mental Health
- Forensic Mental Health and Behavioural Science
- Mental Illness and Mood Disorders
- Movement Disorders and Ageing
- Neurodevelopment and Disorders
- Sleep Health and Sleep Disorders

http://www.med.monash.edu.au/psych/research/students/projects.html
Addiction and Consciousness

We are interested in understanding the neuronal basis of addiction and consciousness. Conscious experience remains a fundamental and almost mysterious research topic in science and our team members research some of the “big” questions in science.
Almost 500,000 Australians have an acquired brain injury (about one in every 50 people). We have a particular focus on investigating functional and psychosocial outcomes and the factors that impact on these outcomes.
Culture and Mental Health

Greater sensitivity to social and cultural contexts provides us unique insights into the onset of mental illness. Our research provides novel evidence to support the ongoing development of mental health promotion and prevention strategies.
Forensic Mental Health and Behavioural Science

Within the Victorian criminal justice system approximately a third of people the police take into custody are receiving mental health services. We are focused on understanding what produces criminal behaviour and what might be done to prevent it.
Mental Illness and Mood Disorders

Mental illness impairs the lives of many Australians. We are focused on developing and evaluating psychological and pharmacological treatments for mental illness, as well as programs to enhance mental health.
Movement Disorders and Ageing

With an ageing population the study of aged individuals with and without disease is becoming more significant. We also focus on mental health in older people including the detection and treatment of depression.
Neurodevelopment and Disorders

The human brain undergoes massive developmental changes from infancy to early adulthood, underpinning age-related changes in many facets of ability and function. The consequences of disruption to neurodevelopment can be dramatic.
Sleep Health and Sleep Disorders

In Australia sleep disorders account for more than 20 per cent of motor vehicle crashes and have an economic impact of $4.3 billion. Our research focuses on the contribution of sleep to waking function, health and safety.
Go to the following link to read about potential research projects for 2013

http://www.med.monash.edu.au/psych/research/students/projects.html
## What are masters research/PhD graduates doing after graduation?

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What are masters research/PhD graduates doing after graduation?

Most frequently reported occupations:

1. Academia and Research (in University or Hospital Settings)
2. Legal, Social and Welfare Professionals
3. Specialist Managers in a range of organisations (pharmaceuticals, corporate)

What are masters research/PhD graduates in full-time employment earning?

Median salary: psychology $70,000

Median salary: all fields of education $70,000

Graduate Careers Australia (GCA) 2012
How do I decide which research degrees program to apply for?

• Think about your main focus of interest and the type of work you want to do.

• Seek work experience.

• Talk to people, both academics and students.

• Explore the range of research topics and find something that you are passionate about.
Questions?