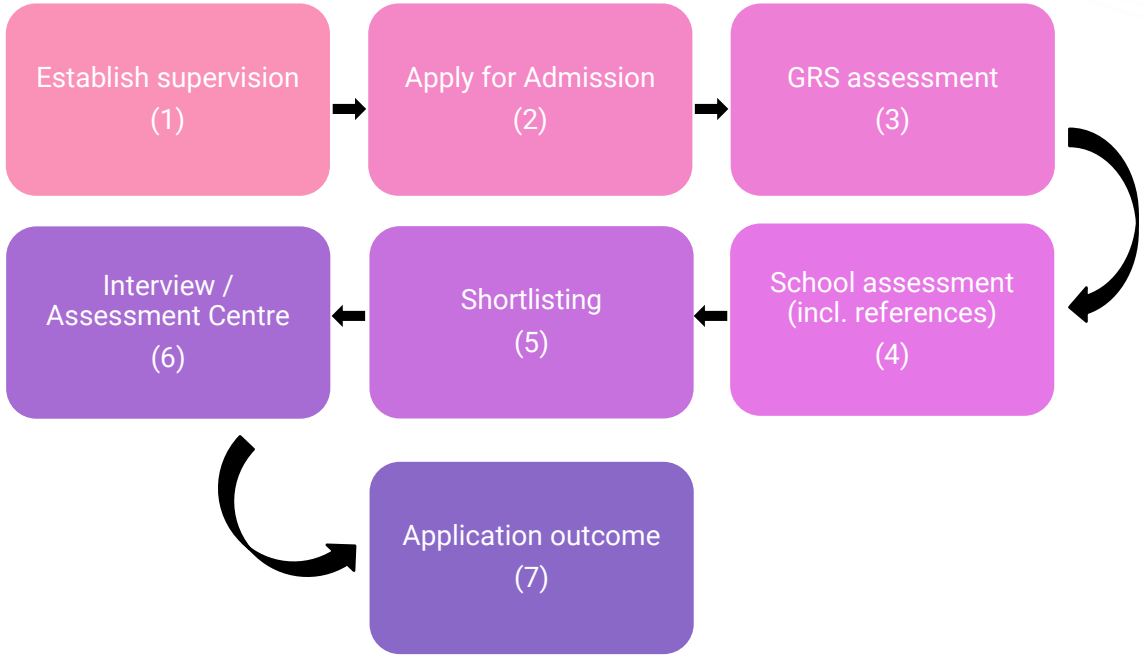
School of Psychology Application Guide – Combined PhD/MPsych



DEADLINE: RELEASE ROUND FOR TERM 1 COMMENCEMENT (SEE HERE)

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(1) Before submitting a formal application you must first establish if **supervision** *within the School* is available by contacting **academics** whose **research interests** coincide with your own. An academic's willingness and ability to supervise is ***not*** a guarantee of admission.
You should also familiarise yourself with **key scholarship deadlines**. As a scholarship is required for this program, your application must be submitted by the release round deadline for Term 1 commencement.

(2) Prepare your application according to **Graduate Research School (GRS) guidelines**. Listed below are requirements specific to a *Psychology* application.
   a. Submit a research application for the PhD/Master of Psychology (1404 for Clinical, 1405 for Forensic) through the UNSW Applicant Portal;
   b. A PDF copy of your completed **Supplementary Application Form**;
   c. Evidence of enrolment in[1] – or official completion of – a four-year APAC-accredited sequence in psychology (or international equivalent); and
   d. A copy of your APS assessment letter[2].

(3) Receive an acknowledgement email from the GRS.
Applications with a complete set of supporting documentation will be sent to the School for further assessment (Step 4).
Incomplete applications will be placed on hold by the GRS until 31 October[3]. A complete set of supporting documentation must be submitted by 31 October or the application will be deemed unsuccessful.

(4) Arrange to share your two references with UNSW via the **Psychology Reference Portal**, a completely separate process to using the Applicant Portal. The School will only consider applications where two completed references have been shared with UNSW via the Psychology Reference Portal.

The School will determine if you meet the minimum eligibility requirements for the program.

   a. *Requirements met*: Your application will be considered by the relevant Selection Committee/s (Step 5).

[1] e.g., a recent transcript, online record of results, or enrolment letter which clearly indicates your student ID and program details. The School requires results to be graded out of 100 for assessment purposes. For transcripts not graded out of 100, applicants will need to request a letter from their respective Faculty or School that states the individual or overall grades out of 100.
[2] This is only required for applicants with *completed international* psychology qualifications.
[3] This date may vary for offshore international applicants. Please refer to the degree finder page, under 'How to apply' for the application closure date.

b. *Requirements not met*: You will automatically be considered for a stand-alone PhD. A formal application outcome will be emailed to you.

(5) After 31 October, each Selection Committee will commence shortlisting[4]. *Applications without a complete set of supporting documentation at this point will not be considered*. Due to the volume of applications received, feedback will not be available for applicants that were not shortlisted.

(6) Shortlisted applicants will be invited to participate in an interview (Clinical) or/and an Assessment Centre (Forensic). These activities are typically held in late November/early December. Further details will be announced to applicants in November.

(7) Interview/Assessment Centre outcome
Successful: The School will call and/or email you to offer you a place, which will be contingent upon you receiving a scholarship. You will be expected to accept or decline the place by a nominated deadline. If you receive a scholarship and accept the place, you will receive a formal Letter of Offer from the Graduate Research School.
Unsuccessful: The School will email you to advise the application outcome. You may be asked to confirm if you would still like to be considered for a stand-alone PhD. Formal correspondence from the Graduate Research School will follow in due course

The bulk of formal outcomes are typically sent between late November and January of the following year, and Letters of Offer are prioritised. If you do not receive an invitation to attend an interview or Assessment Centre then, unfortunately, your application cannot be successful.

PROGRAM QUOTAS:

A set number of places will be available for each program each year. It may be that an otherwise eligible applicant cannot be offered a place due to this quota restriction.

Please submit questions about the application process or requirements **here**, and indicate that you would like your enquiry to be directed to the School of Psychology.

[4] If you have multiple preferences, you will be assessed for each simultaneously. Offshore international applicants may will be considered on whichever date is earliest, whether it is the offshore international applicant closure date or the main closure date on 31st October.