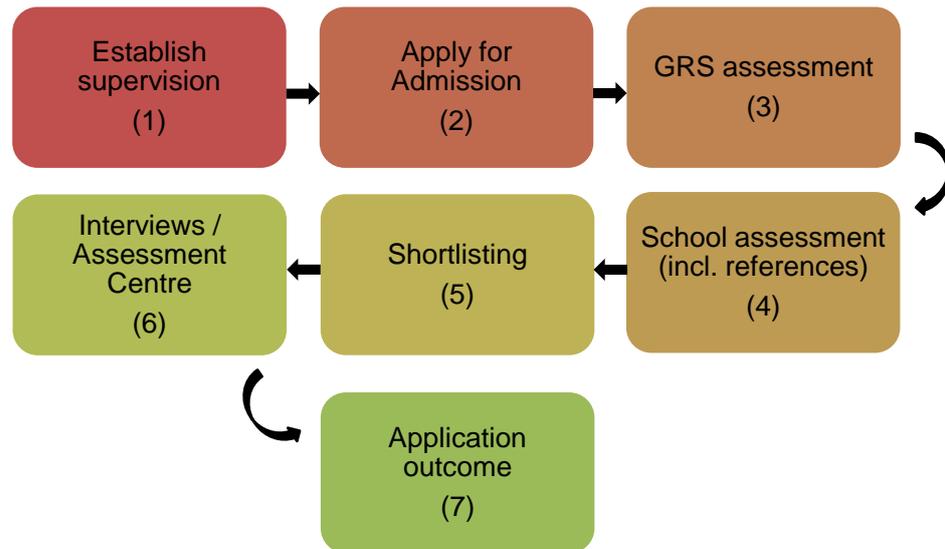


# Combined PhD/MPsychol application process



- (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. It is recommended that all applicants familiarise themselves with [key scholarship dates](#). This document does not cover any scholarship-related matters – scholarships are solely the domain of the [Graduate Research School \(GRS\)](#).*
- (2) Submit your application directly to UNSW using the [Apply Online](#) service, and ensure that you also upload the **compulsory supporting documentation** listed below, and at Step 3 [here](#).
- A completed [Supplementary Application Form](#)
  - A complete and official academic transcript for your accredited [three-year sequence in psychology](#)
  - A complete and official academic transcript (*if complete*), or evidence of **current enrolment**<sup>1</sup> (*if incomplete*) for your accredited [Honours/fourth year in psychology](#)
  - A copy of your CV
  - A copy of your APS assessment letter<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For example, a transcript showing results from Semester 1, or an enrolment letter confirming your program details.

<sup>2</sup> This item is only required for applicants with *international* psychology qualifications.

- (3) The GRS will acknowledge receipt of your application and provide you with a UNSW Student ID. Only applications that include all relevant compulsory supporting documentation will be sent to the School for further assessment (Step 4). Applications that are missing any compulsory items will be placed on hold by the GRS, and will remain on hold (and unassessed) until the missing items are supplied.
- (4) Refer to the [School's website](#) for information about submitting your two references. This is a mandatory, but completely separate, process to using Apply Online. The School will only consider applications where two completed references have been submitted.

The School will determine if you meet the minimum academic entry requirements for your preference/s<sup>3</sup>.

- a. *Requirements met:* If both your references have been received, your application will be considered by the relevant Selection Committee/s (Step 5). If any references are pending, the School will email you to follow up. Your application will not be considered by a Selection Committee until **both** references have been received.
- b. *Requirements not met:* The School will advise the GRS that your application is not successful and the formal outcome will be emailed to you by the GRS.

- (5) Once the application deadline passes, each Selection Committee will finalise their shortlist<sup>3</sup>.
- (6) Shortlisted applicants will be invited to participate in an interview (Clinical) or an Assessment Centre (Forensic). Note that, though rare, some applicants may be shortlisted for both programs.

The Forensic Assessment Centre **must** be attended **in person**, and in 2019 will run on Tuesday, 26 November. While dates for the Clinical interviews are yet to be confirmed, they are likely to start around the last week of November. The [School's website](#) will be updated once dates are known. Skype interviews may be possible, for the Clinical program only, in limited<sup>4</sup> circumstances.

- (7) The School will contact successful interviewees and notify them that their application has been successful. Successful applicants will be emailed a formal offer<sup>5</sup> by the GRS.

The School aims to finalise places for each program before the University shuts down for the year<sup>6</sup>.

Due to the large number of applications received, it may not be possible for the School to send personalised application outcomes. Applicants that were not shortlisted will receive a formal (unsuccessful) application outcome by email from Admissions. While this could occur at any time, the bulk of formal outcomes tend to be sent in November, December, and into January the following year.

### IMPORTANT:

You will only be considered for a program once a formal application has been submitted. Coursework and research applications are received and assessed in the first instance by two different units (UNSW Admissions and the Graduate Research School, respectively). If you wish to be considered for both program types, you **MUST** submit two applications—one for the Master (coursework), and one for the Combined (research).

Please submit any questions about the application process to [psychology@unsw.edu.au](mailto:psychology@unsw.edu.au).

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<sup>3</sup> If you submit multiple applications (i.e., one for Master, one for Combined), you will simultaneously be considered for both programs. If you are ineligible for the PhD component, you may still be eligible for the stand-alone Master.

<sup>4</sup> For example, for international or interstate applicants.

<sup>5</sup> Offers cannot be deferred.

<sup>6</sup> This is important as only enrolled students can apply for registration as a provisional psychologist, a process that can take weeks and must be finalised prior to program commencement.