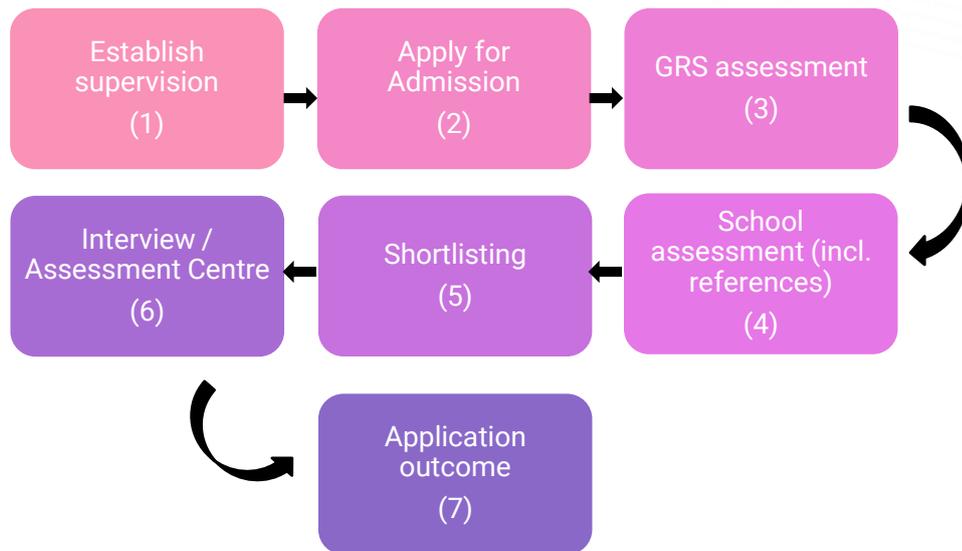


# Application Guide – Combined PhD/MPsych



## APPLICATION DEADLINE: RELEASE ROUND FOR TERM 1 (SEE [HERE](#))

- (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 relevant release round deadline.
- (2) Submit your application directly to UNSW using the [Apply Online](#) service, and upload your supporting documentation as indicated in the Document Submission Guidelines [here](#), and specifically for Psychology below.
  - a. A completed [Supplementary Application Form](#);
  - b. Evidence of enrolment in<sup>1</sup> – or official completion of – a four-year APAC-accredited sequence in psychology (or international equivalent); and
  - c. A copy of your APS assessment letter<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> e.g., a recent transcript, online record of results, or enrolment letter which clearly indicates your student ID and program details

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

- (3) The GRS will acknowledge receipt of your application and provide you with a UNSW Student ID. Only 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 and will remain on hold (and unassessed) until the missing items are supplied. *If a complete set of supporting documentation is not provided by 31 October the application may not be considered.*

- (4) Refer to the [School's website](#) for how your two referees should submit their references. This is a mandatory step, and a completely separate process to using Apply Online. The School will only consider applications where two completed references have been shared with UNSW.

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

- a. **Requirements met:** If a complete set of supporting documentation and two 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 further until both references have been received.

- b. **Requirements not met:** The School will advise the GRS that your application is not successful and you will automatically be considered for a stand-alone PhD. A formal application outcome will be emailed to you in due course.

- (5) After 31 October, each Selection Committee will commence shortlisting<sup>3</sup>.

- (6) Shortlisted applicants will be invited to participate in an interview (Clinical) or an Assessment Centre (Forensic). The Forensic Assessment Centre must be attended in person, under normal circumstances<sup>4</sup>, but remote interviews will be possible for the Clinical program<sup>5</sup>. These activities are likely to be held in late November/early December and, once known, dates will be published on the [School's website](#).

- (7) The School will contact successful applicants – by phone where possible, then by email – to offer them a place. Successful applicants will be expected to accept or decline their place by a nominated deadline, and those who accept will be emailed a Letter of Offer by the GRS.

The bulk of formal outcomes tend to be sent between late November and January of the following year. Due to the volume of applications received it will not always be possible for the School to send personalised application outcomes or feedback above and beyond what is communicated by the GRS.

### **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.

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<sup>3</sup> If you have multiple preferences you will be assessed for each simultaneously.

<sup>4</sup> Should COVID-19 restrictions be in place the Assessment Centre will be run virtually.

<sup>5</sup> For example, for interstate applicants



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**MASTERS APPLICANTS:**

Should you wish to be considered for both a stand-alone Master and a Combined program you must submit two separate applications (one for each type – Postgraduate Coursework and Postgraduate Research). To demonstrate: if a coursework application does not exist, an offer for a coursework program cannot be made.

Please submit questions about the application process or requirements [here](#).