

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO CANDIDATURE

for the

PhD (CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY)

REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must satisfy the requirements for Admission to Candidature for the Doctor of Philosophy degree. See:

<http://www.newcastle.edu.au/policylibrary/001033.html>

In addition, applicants must:

1. Hold a four year, or three year plus a fourth year, Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited sequence in psychology, which has been completed in the last 10 years, with an upper second class Honours (2A) or above, and
2. Eligibility for provisional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia; and 3. Satisfy the School of Psychology of their suitability for the professional practice of Clinical Psychology.

When evaluating suitability, the School will take into account previous relevant experience, reports of referees, units of study previously completed, and the outcome of a selection interview. Selection criteria will also be based on applicants demonstrating a clear understanding of Clinical Psychology and the areas in which a Clinical Psychologist might work.

APPLICATIONS

A complete application comprises an application form, an application letter, a résumé, and appropriate attachments. The attachments will include reports from referees, certified copies of university transcripts, and a brief outline (3 pages max.) of the research you propose to undertake. Complete applications must be sent to the Office of Graduate Studies.

The closing date for applications is the first Friday in October each year (for admission in the following calendar year).

APPLICATION LETTER

The purpose of the application letter is to communicate a specific, personalised, message to the selection panel and should answer the question “*Why should we select you?*”

The letter should be typed or word processed, and be no longer than three A4 pages. It should state clearly why you should be considered and address each criterion individually (i.e. copy the criterion and then write a paragraph or two clearly describing how you meet this criterion).

Selection criteria:

1. A honours degree in Psychology accredited by the Australian Psychological Society (APS), awarded at the level of First Class or Second Class Division A, or equivalent. (**Note:** Applicants with an overseas qualification *must* include evidence from the APS that their studies are equivalent to APS accredited undergraduate programs.)
2. Demonstrated understanding of Clinical Psychology and the areas in which a Clinical Psychologist might work.
3. Relevant experience helping people with mental health problems
4. Relevant additional training (e.g. Workshops, short courses)

Desirable criteria:

5. Research experience additional to Honours.
6. Involvement with professional organizations. Reports (testimonials) from two referees are also required. At least one of the referees should be a registered psychologist who can comment on your experience and/or potential to practice in Clinical Psychology.

SELECTION PROCESS

All applications for postgraduate professional programs in Clinical Psychology are competitive and are considered together. The selection process includes an interview for those who are shortlisted. The selection panel includes senior members of the profession, who are external to the University, as well as University academic staff.