Semester 1 2019
Admission Information
and Portfolio

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE
MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY
Thank you for considering applying to The University of Newcastle (UON) Clinical Psychology Program.

As places in the highly regarded Master of Clinical Psychology are limited, admission is based on a competitive selection process. This document outlines the requirements for applying for admission for 2019.

Please ensure that you review all sections and submit all required documents by the required date. **Applications close at midnight on October 5 2018.** Late and incomplete submissions will not be accepted.

*Please review all sections*

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# APPLICATION TIMELINE
## International and Domestic Applicants

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<td>Year Prior to Admission</td>
<td>International Applications</td>
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<td>August 1 2018</td>
<td>NPRS Applications Open (Domestic</td>
<td>Both domestic and international applicant referees are able to submit references via the National Psychology Referee System.</td>
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<td>and International Applicants)</td>
<td><a href="http://www.psychologyreference.org/">www.psychologyreference.org</a></td>
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<td>September 5 2018</td>
<td>UAC Applications Open (Domestic</td>
<td>Domestic applicants can submit an application via the University Admission Centre.</td>
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<td>October 5 2018</td>
<td>Applications Close</td>
<td>Applicants must apply via UAC (domestic) or direct to UON (international) AND provide their admission portfolio by this date. Late and incomplete applications will not be considered.</td>
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<td>October 29 2018</td>
<td>Interview invites</td>
<td>Applicants who satisfy the minimum academic admission requirements will be invited to participate in a selection interview with the UON School of Psychology.</td>
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<td>UON School of Psychology will contact all applicants who have been successful in the interview process, or who have gained a place on the reserve admission list.</td>
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<td>Round 1 offers released</td>
<td>Successful applicants will be provided with a formal offer of admission to commence studies in 2019. This will be communicated via email.</td>
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<td>December 10 2018</td>
<td>Round 1 offer acceptance period</td>
<td>Applicants who receive a Round 1 offer must formally accept the offer by this date.</td>
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<td>January 2019 (up until</td>
<td>Round 2 offers</td>
<td>If places are available after Round 1, additional offers may be made to applicants on the offer reserve list. Reserve applicants will be contacted by the School of Psychology</td>
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<td>February 10)</td>
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<td>February 14-15 and February 18-22</td>
<td>1. Compulsory Orientation</td>
<td>Applicants who have accepted an offer are required to attend an orientation session at UON, followed by a compulsory intensive course from the program (PSYC6501).</td>
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<td>2. Compulsory intensive course</td>
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<td>First week of the 2019 UON academic year.</td>
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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS – Domestic Applicants

If you are an Australian Citizen, Australian Permanent Resident, or hold an Australian Permanent Humanitarian Visa, please follow the steps outlined below.

Please ensure that your UAC application is submitted and ALL supporting documentation is provided to UON by midnight **05 October, 2018** (no late applications will be accepted).

**STEP 1 – SUBMIT AN ADMISSION APPLICATION VIA THE UNIVERSITY ADMISSION CENTRE (UAC).**

Admission applications will open via UAC at 7.30am on 05 September, 2018. Instructions on how to apply via UAC are available online at [www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/how-to-apply-for-uni](http://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/how-to-apply-for-uni).

The University of Newcastle offers both Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and Full Fee Paying places in the Master of Clinical Psychology program. CSP places are limited and are offered to the highest ranked applicants.

To ensure the best chance of receiving an offer, you should add BOTH CSP and Full Fee to your UAC application. Please ensure that both of the following programs are listed on your UAC application:

- Master of Clinical Psychology (CSP) – UAC Code 927805
- Master of Clinical Psychology (FEE) – UAC Code 927806

**STEP 2 – SUBMIT YOUR MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY ADMISSION PORTFOLIO**

Complete the Master of Clinical Psychology Admission Portfolio and return it to UON via email at admissions@newcastle.edu.au. Ensure that all required supporting documentation is attached.

**STEP 3 – NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY REFEREE SYSTEM.**

Ensure that referee reports have been lodged prior to **Oct 5 2018**.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS – International Applicants

If you are an international applicant, wish to study at the University of Newcastle whilst on a Student Visa, please follow the steps outlined below.

Please ensure that ALL supporting documentation is received by midnight 05 October, 2018 (no late applications will be accepted).

**STEP 1 – APPLY DIRECT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE.**

There are three ways to make an application as an international student.

**Online**

If you have access to the Internet, please apply through our Online Direct Admissions tool (https://dotnet.newcastle.edu.au/ODA/App/ApplicantDetails.aspx?ReferringSystem=iASA). You can save your online application after you have started and come back to it later.

**Paper-based**

If you cannot access the online application, you are welcome to complete and send a paper application by following these steps:


b. Send your application with all supporting documents to the address below.

   International Admissions
   University of Newcastle
   University Drive
   Callaghan NSW 2308
   Australia

   OR via email to ia@newcastle.edu.au

**Educational Agent**

You are able to apply through one of the University’s contracted education agents. In some circumstances, you may be asked to submit an application through an education agent (www.newcastle.edu.au/international/uon-in-your-country/education-agents). Our education agents are trained to provide you with support during your University Admissions and Visa application process.

**STEP 2 – SUBMIT YOUR MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY ADMISSION PORTFOLIO**

Complete the *Master of Clinical Psychology Admission Portfolio* on page 7 and return it to UON along with your admission application. Ensure that all required supporting documentation is attached (Please refer to the checklist at the end of this document).

If you have completed your undergraduate qualification outside of Australia, you will be required to provide evidence that it has been assessed by the Australian Psychology Society (APS) as equivalent to the Australia Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) 4th Year Psychology Sequence (for more information visit www.psychology.org.au/About-Us/What-we-do/Assessing-overseas-qualifications/APS-assessment-Skilled-Migration-university-entry)

Please note that this process can take time, so please ensure that you apply to have this assessed in time for your Admission Portfolio submission.

Your Master of Clinical Psychology Admission Portfolio must be lodged by 05 October, 2018.

**STEP 3 – NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY REFEREE SYSTEM.**

As an international applicant, you must have two referee reports submitted via the National Psychology Referee System (www.psychologyreference.org/) before 05 October 2018.

All applicants must provide TWO referee reports. This could be either one Academic and One professional reference, or two Professional References, depending on your circumstances.

Please see page 6 of this document for further detail on the requirements.

Ensure that referee reports have been lodged prior to 05 October 2018.
NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY REFEREE SYSTEM

The NPRS will be live from 1 August, 2018. The objective of this system is to have a one-stop-shop for references to be sent to all institutions to which an applicant has applied.

The Reference Request System allows applicants for Australian post-graduate programs in Psychology to apply for a reference from academic and/or professional referees in three simple steps (visit [www.psychologyreference.org/#howitworks](http://www.psychologyreference.org/#howitworks) for more info):

1. YOU nominate referees, and indicate the programs and institutions being applied to.
2. REFEREES complete a reference online.
3. YOU then allow the completed reference to be shared with the programs you have applied to.

Please ensure that you have two referee reports submitted to the National Psychology Referee System ([www.psychologyreference.org/](http://www.psychologyreference.org/)) before 05 October, 2018.

All applicants must provide TWO referee reports. This could be either one Academic and one professional reference, or two Professional References, depending on your circumstances.

Please provide one academic reference and one professional reference if you are completing or have completed your fourth year (APAC accredited sequence) of study in the past three years.

Please provide two professional references if you have completed your fourth year (APAC accredited sequence) of study more than four years ago.

- **Academic Referee**
  Preferably your academic referee will be your fourth year supervisor. If your supervisor is not able to provide a reference, please attempt to gain a reference from an academic who worked closely with you through your studies.

- **Professional Referee**
  Preferably your professional referee will be a Psychologist or Clinical Psychologist. Alternate options include professionals working in related disciplines (such as Social Workers or Counsellors).
MASTER OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY ADMISSION PORTFOLIO  
– Domestic and International Applicants

All applicants must submit an admission portfolio. Please complete the questions below, and return your portfolio and any supporting documents by midnight Oct 5 2018.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname: ____________________________________________________________
First Name: _________________________________________________________
Title: ______________________________________________________________
Address: ____________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________________________________________
State: __________________________________________________________________
Country: __________________________________________________________________
Post Code: __________________________________________________________________
UAC Application Number: __________________________________________________________________
*all domestic applicants must provide their UAC application number

UON Student Number: __________________________________________________________________
*if applicable

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Please provide details of ALL academic qualifications held. If you are currently studying and anticipate completing your qualification at the end of 2018, you may still be considered for admission.

You must also attach certified or full colour copies of official transcripts for all listed academic qualifications.

Honours Degree in Psychology (if applicable) ____________________________
University: __________________________________________________________
Complete: □ Yes □ No Year of Completion: ________________________________
Currently Enrolled: □ Yes □ No Expected Completion Date: ________________
If completed, what Honours Class was awarded: __________________________

Postgraduate Diploma in Psychology (if applicable) _______________________
University: __________________________________________________________
Complete: □ Yes □ No Year of Completion: ________________________________
Currently Enrolled: □ Yes □ No Expected Completion Date: ________________

REGISTRATION

To be considered for admission, applicants must be registered, or eligible for provisional registration, with the Psychology Board of Australia.

Current Registration Status: (select one only)
□ General Registration □ Provisional Registration □ Eligible for Provisional Registration

Time Registration has been held: (select one only)
□ 0 - 1 Years □ 1 - 2 Years □ 2 - 3 Years □ 3 + Years □ Not Applicable

Registration Number (if applicable): ______________________________________
ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

PERSONAL STATEMENT
Summarise in 250 words maximum why you would like to become a Clinical Psychologist. Please include any specific areas of Clinical Psychology you are interested in.

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RELEVANT EDUCATION AND TRAINING

If applicable, please list any relevant programs or short courses/workshops that are relevant to Clinical Psychology. You must also attach certified or full colour copies of completion certificates.

Course 1: ______________________________________________________
Provider or Organisation: ________________________________
Date Completed: ______________________________________________

Course 2: ______________________________________________________
Provider or Organisation: ________________________________
Date Completed: ______________________________________________

Course 3: ______________________________________________________
Provider or Organisation: ________________________________
Date Completed: ______________________________________________

CIVIL AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

Please list any university or civil awards you have received (e.g. University Medal, Duke of Edinburgh Award).

Award: ______________________________________________________
Awarding Institution: ________________________________
Date: ______________________________________________________

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Date: ______________________________________________________

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (in addition to Honours)

Please provide details of any research activities you have undertaken in addition to your study. This can include other relevant degrees or qualifications, conference presentations or publications.
RELEVANT EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of any extra-curricular activities you actively participate in which you believe are relevant to this application.

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EXPERIENCE WITH PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Please summarise any experience you have with professional organisations (e.g. Australian Psychological Society).

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CHECKLIST AND DECLARATION

Please review the required documentation and return this declaration with your portfolio.

1. I have read and satisfy the suitability requirements for the professional practice of Clinical Psychology as outlined in the Master of Clinical Psychology Program Handbook
   www.newcastle.edu.au/degrees/master-clinical-psychology/handbook
   □ Yes □ No

2. I have read and am aware of the Inherent requirements for Master of Clinical Psychology
   www.newcastle.edu.au/current-students/support/inherent-requirements
   □ Yes □ No

3. I wish to identify as being of Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Decent, and have reviewed the Establishing Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander status within the University policy.
   www.newcastle.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/296245/Aboriginal-and_or-Torres-Strait-Islander-Establishing-Status-within-the-University-Policy-D09_1940P-3.pdf
   □ Yes □ No

4. I have attached a detailed Curriculum Vitae with my Admission Portfolio.
   □ Yes □ No

5. I have included certified or full colour copies of official transcripts for all qualifications listed in my application and evidence of their equivalency to an APAC accredited 4th year if required
   □ Yes □ No

6. I am aware of my responsibility to arrange for two referee reports to be submitted to the National Psychology Referee System before 05 October, 2018.
   □ Yes □ No

7. I declare that all information and documentation supplied by me to the University is true, accurate and complete.
   □ Yes □ No

Signed: _______________________________ Date: _______________________________