School of Psychology Honours 2025



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Acknowledgement of Country

We honour the Yuggera and Turrbal people as the Traditional Custodians of this land.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.

The Brisbane River pattern from A Guidance Through Time by Casey Coolwell and Kyra Mancktelow.

- Why do Honours?
- Two streams
- Work and Research in Applied Psychology
- Entry requirements, enrolment and application procedure

Why do honours?

- If you are interested in research, an Honours degree will make you eligible to apply for a PhD level program.
- If you'd like to become a practicing psychologist, then you need a 4 year accredited sequence.
 - At the end of this program you will have met the qualification requirements for provisional registration as a psychologist.
 - You can either seek supervised practice to achieve full registration or complete a relevant Masters/Doctorate level program.



Honours is extremely intensive and requires a large commitment.

Two Streams

Research Stream



Work-integrated Stream





PSYC4050	Psychological Research Methodology IV	2 units	Core
PSYC4071	Individual Research Thesis	8 units	Core
PSYC4091	Team Supervised Thesis	6 units	Core
PSYC4121	The Scientist-Practitioner Model	2 units	Core
PSYC4221	Work and research in applied psychology	2 units	Core. Team Thesis Students Only
PSYC4###	Elective	2 units	Elective
PSYC4###	Seminar	2 units	Elective

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	Brendan Zietsch		

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	Theresa Scott		

PSYC4221	Work and research in applied psychology	2 units	Core. Team Thesis Students Only
PSYC4###	Work and research in applied psychology Natasha Matthews	2 units 2 units	
			Students Only

Seminars

Semester 1

Semester 2

PSYC4881



Courtney von Hippel

PSYC4881



Kana Imuta

PSYC4882



Julie Henry

PSYC4882

Fiona Barlow

PSYC4883



Derek Arnold

PSYC4883



David Sewell

PSYC4884



Hannah Filmer

PSYC4884

Stefanie Becker

PSYC4885



Theresa Scott

PSYC4885



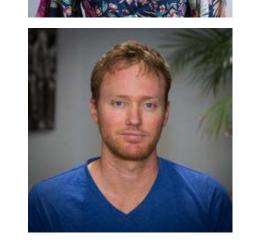
Leah Sharman

PSYC4886



Alan Pegna

PSYC4886



Brendan Zietsch

Electives

Semester 1

PSYC4211

PSYC4981



Alex Haslam
From Classic to Contemporary Topics in Organisational Psychology



Eric Vanman
Current Issues in Psychology I

Semester 2

PSYC4191

PSYC4982



Mark Horswill
Improving Human Performance



Jason Mattingley
Current Issues in Psychology II

PSYC4071

Individual Research Thesis

8 units

Core

7000-8000 words

You should therefore spend at least 50% of your time (20 hours a week) working on your thesis project.

PSYC4091

Team Supervised Thesis

6 units Core

5000-6000 words

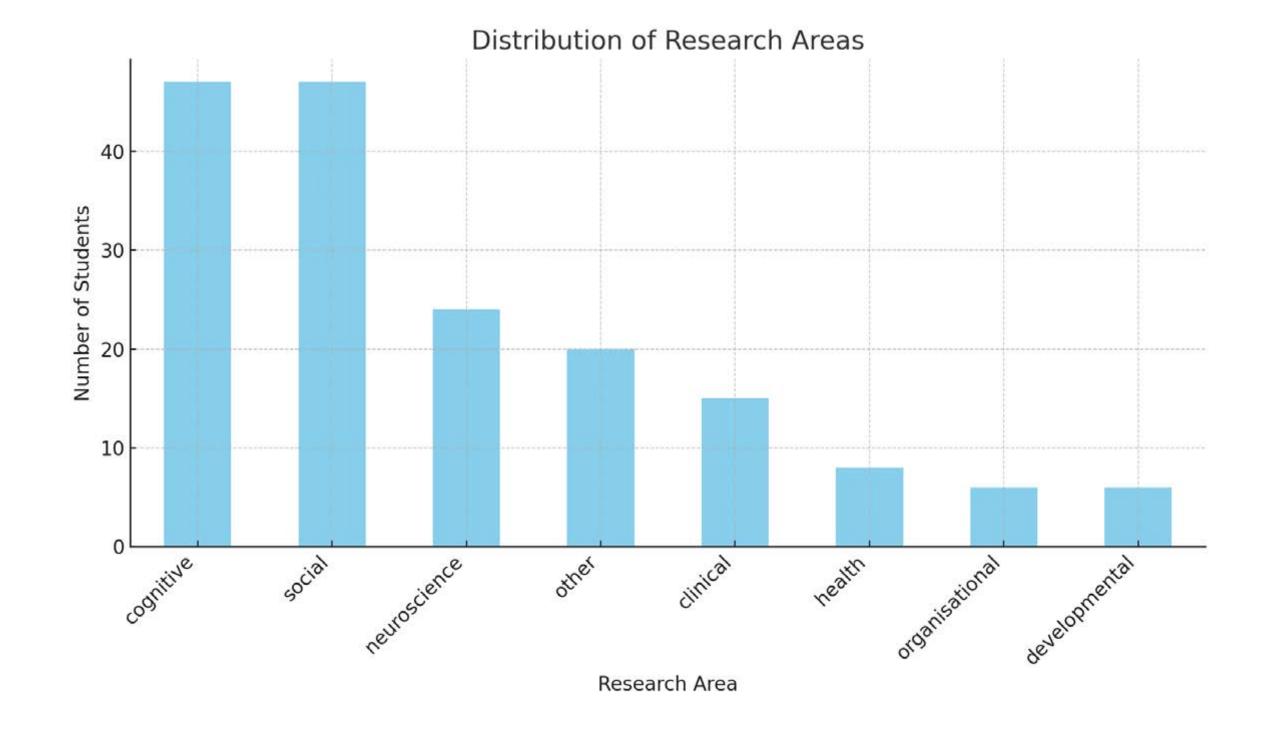
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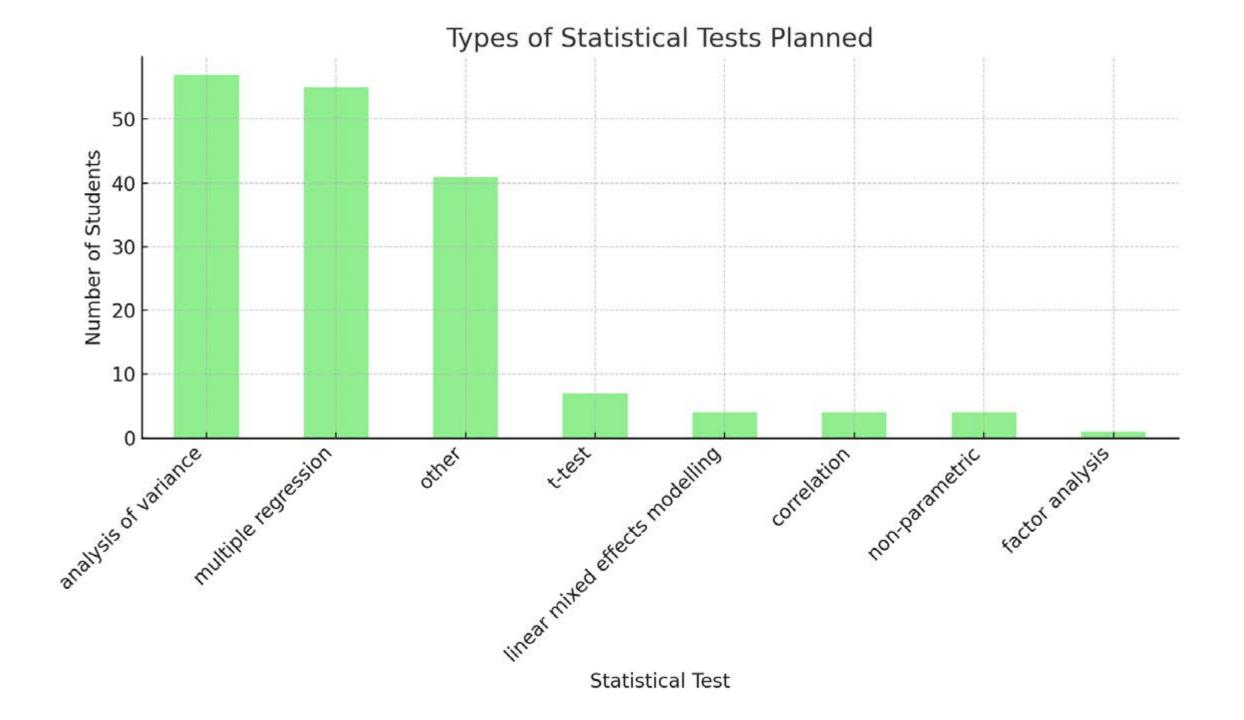
You should therefore spend at least 37.5% of your time (15 hours a week) working on your thesis project.





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1. Social Psychology and Interpersonal Relationships

- "Don't Worry, I Know This Isn't Your Strong Suit": The Gendered Effects of Age-Based Stereotype Threat in the Workplace
- Behind Shared Doors: Exploring Equity Sensitivity as a Predictor of Discord in Multi-Resident Properties
- The Impact of Partner Support on Working Mothers' Recovery from Work





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2. Perception and Cognitive Processing

- A dual approach to top-down, iterative processing in the face pareidolia illusion
- Top-Down Visual Processing and the Perception of Face Pareidolia
- Perceptual Processing of Ambiguous Stimuli: Neural and Behavioural Insights





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3. Mental Health and Well-Being

- Exploring Cognitive Impairment in COVID-19 Survivors
- Examining the Buffer Effects of Self-Compassion on the Relationship Between Life Events and Psychological Well-being
- The Impact of Slow Changes in Motor Cortical Excitability on Psychological Outcomes





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4. Education and Development

- A New Curriculum for Career Education: Fostering Actively Openminded Thinking
- Young Children's Development of Probabilistic Understanding
- Cultivating Identity Affirming Relationships: Microaffirmations for Adults with ADHD





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5. Compassion, Forgiveness, and Conflict Resolution

- Does Compassion Focus Therapy Increase A Person's Overall Level Of Compassion?
- Rejection Sensitivity and Offenders' Negative Responses to Non-Forgiveness
- Mindfulness and Making Amends: Are Mindful Offenders Willing to Reconcile?





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6. Neuroscience and Cognitive Function

- The Role of Selenium in Hippocampal Neuroplasticity
- The Effect of Transcranial Stimulation on Reaction Time
- Brain Stimulation and the Human Motor System





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7. Health and Risk Behaviours

- Does Personalised Feedback by Generative Artificial Intelligence Improve Learning Outcomes?
- Influence of Sexual Identity on Alcohol and Other Drug Related Risky Behaviours
- Social Connection as a Protective Factor for AOD Treatment Completion





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8. Autism, Aphantasia, and Neurodiversity

- Aphantasia and Autism
- Exploring the Relationship Between Autism and Aphantasia
- Picture This... Or Don't: Autism, Aphantasia and Study Modalities





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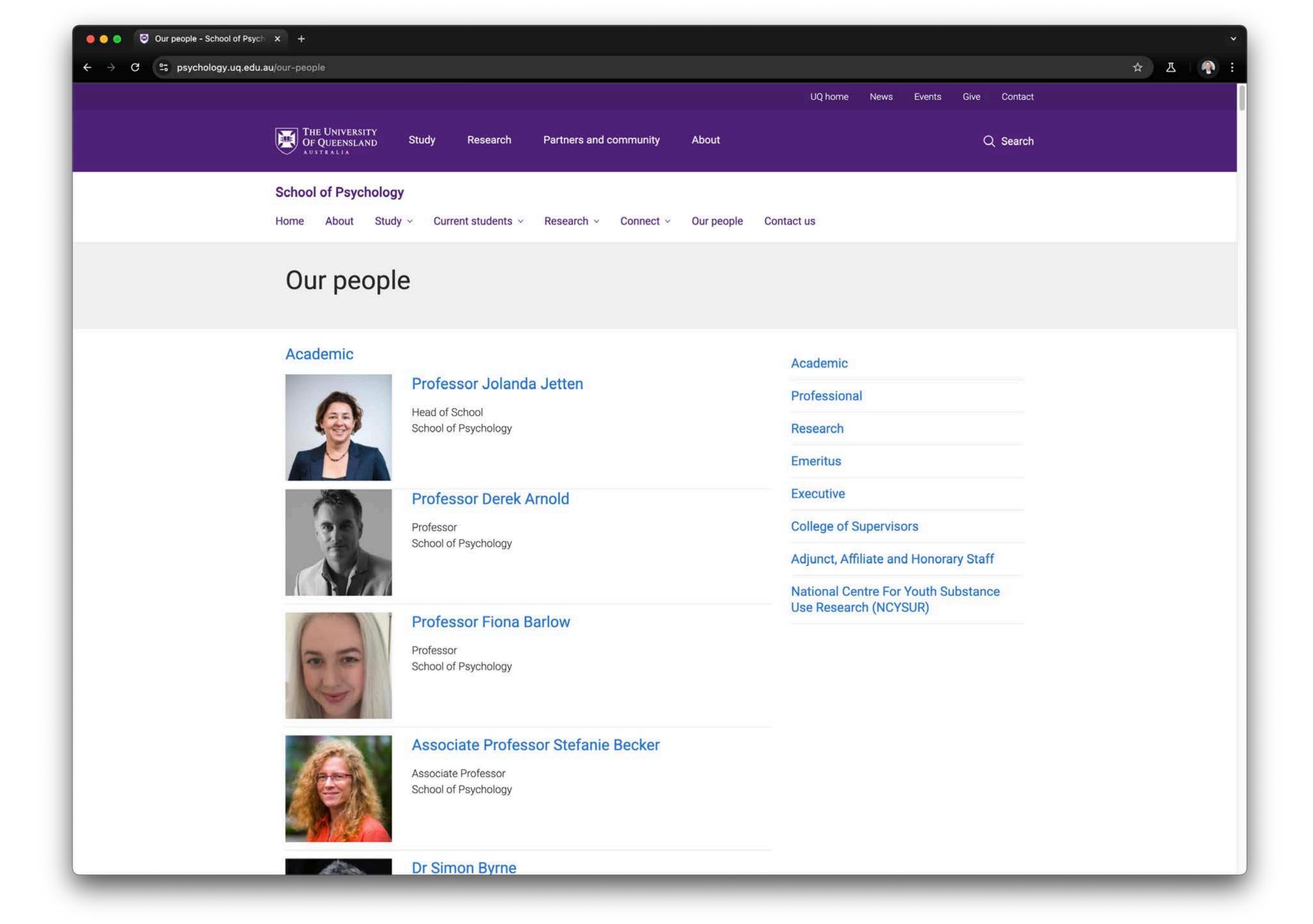
9. Society, Policy, and Public Perception

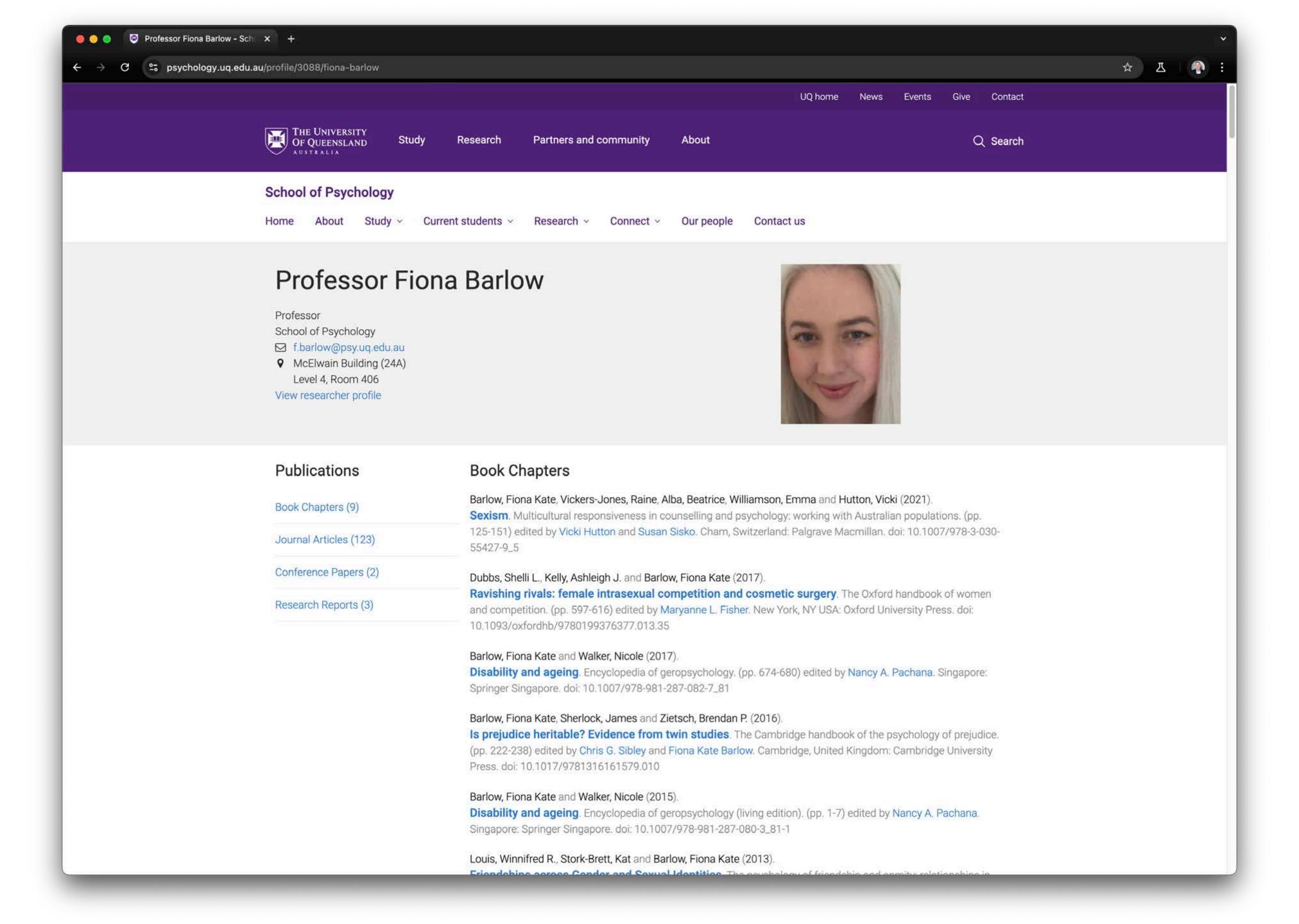
- Are Australian Policymakers Accurately Assessing the Public's Climate Change Attitudes?
- Historical Knowledge and Voting Behaviour

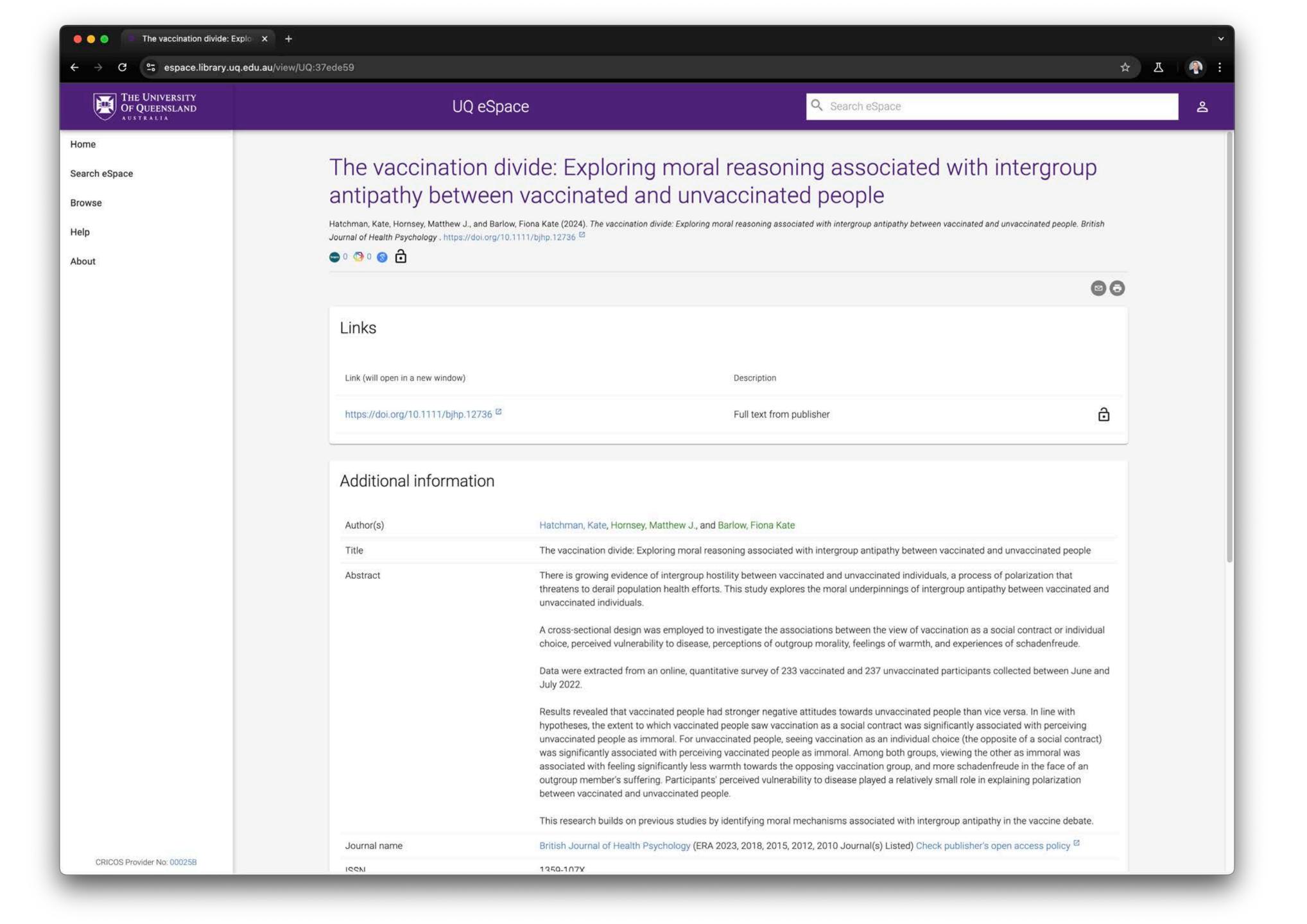


PSYC4071 Individual Research Thesis 8 units Core

Start thinking about who you'd like to work with now!







PSYC4091

Team Supervised Thesis

6 units

Core



Mark Horswill



Hema Selvanathan



Ada Kritikos



Micheal Noetel



Natasha Matthews



Brendan Zietsch



Lena Oestreich



Alice Towler

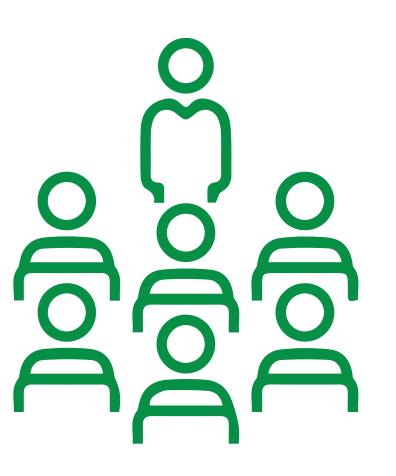
Each team will be assigned ~20 students and a tutor.

You'll be asked to nominate your preferred stream on **27 November**.

Research Stream

Work-integrated Stream





WRAP

Work and Research in Applied Psychology

Course Coordinator:

Semester 1: Dr Natasha Matthews

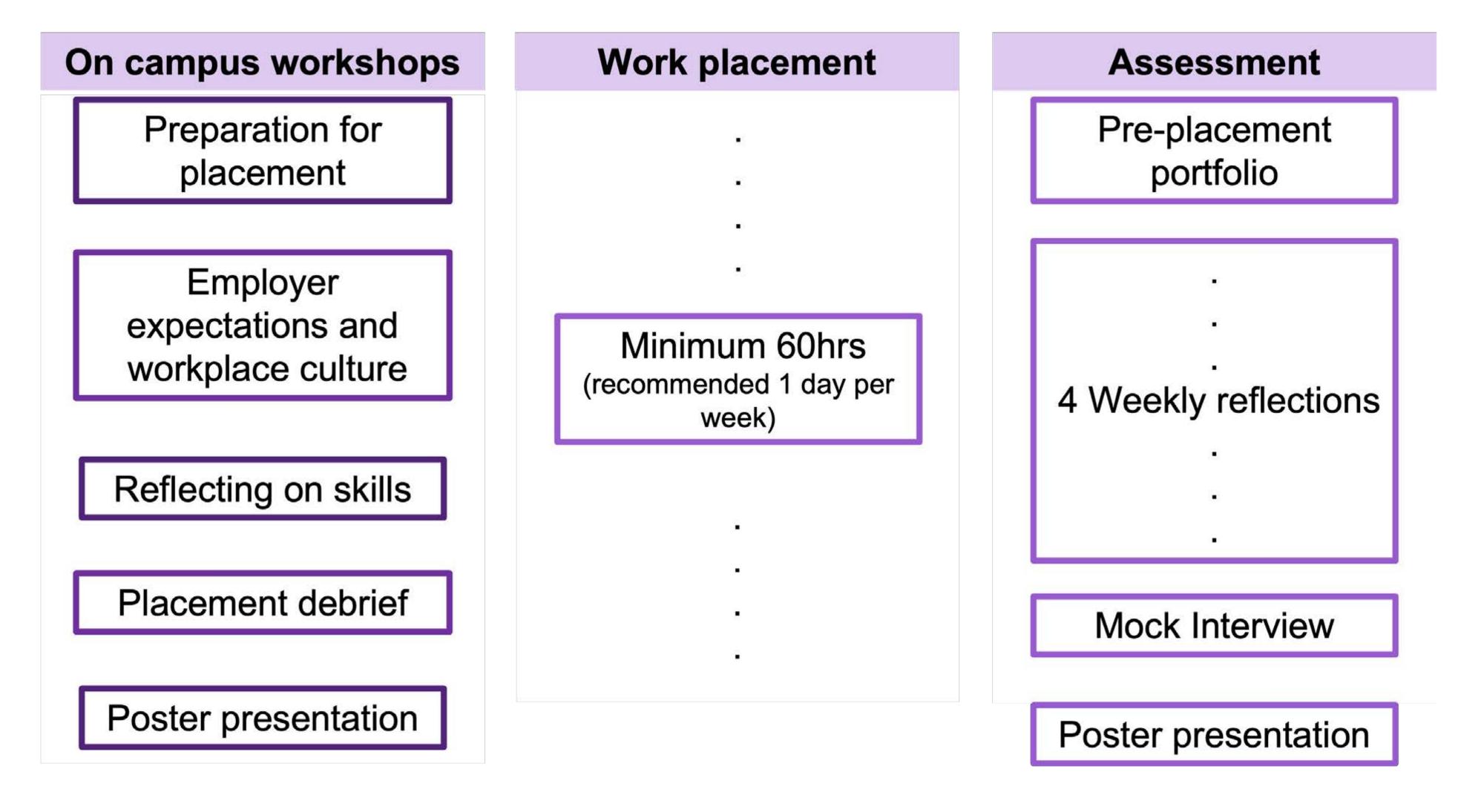
Semester 2: Dr Nik Steffens

Placement coordinator: Adheesha Ratnayake

Course aims

This course has been designed to provide fourth year students with the opportunity to gain an understanding of the **practical applications** of their psychology degree to a variety of areas of professional practice. The course includes a **work integrated learning** component requiring students to undertake work experience placement within an organisation arranged by the School.

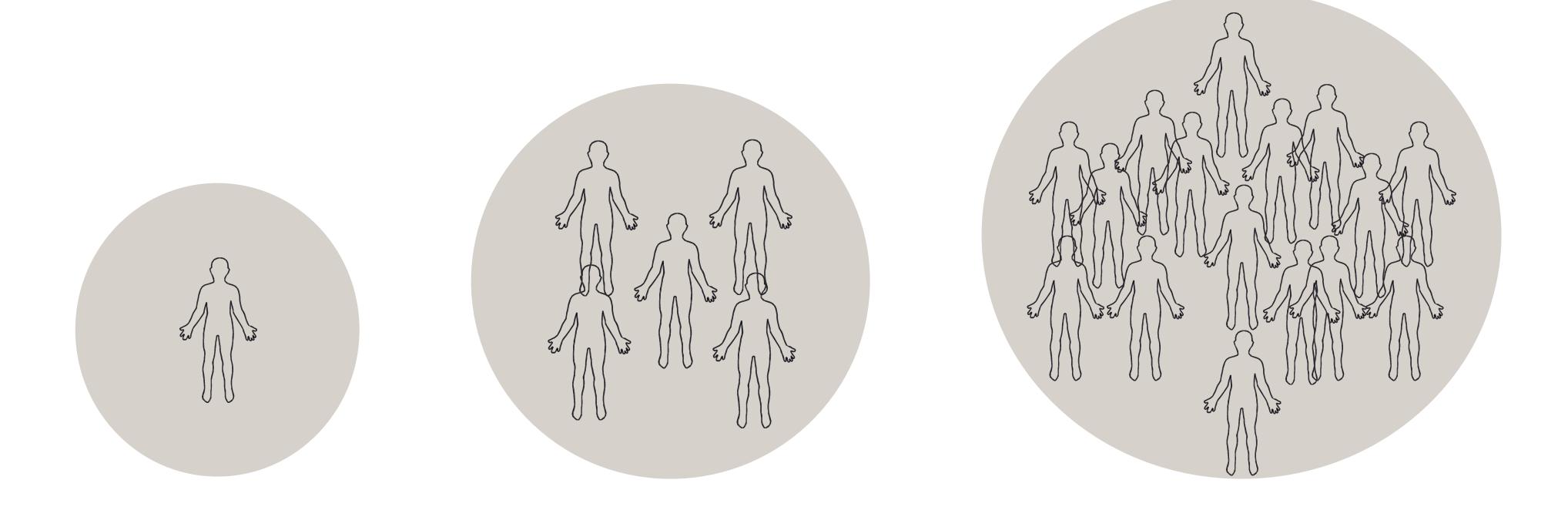
Overview of course structure



- Compulsory for all work integrated stream students.
- Completed in semester 1 **OR** 2



"I want to use my degree to help people"



Overlapping skill sets: Measure, understand and change behaviour

Diverse placement opportunities



Organisational psychology

Queensland Health/ hospital

Policy/ Government Clinical psychology/ private practice

Non-profit

Education

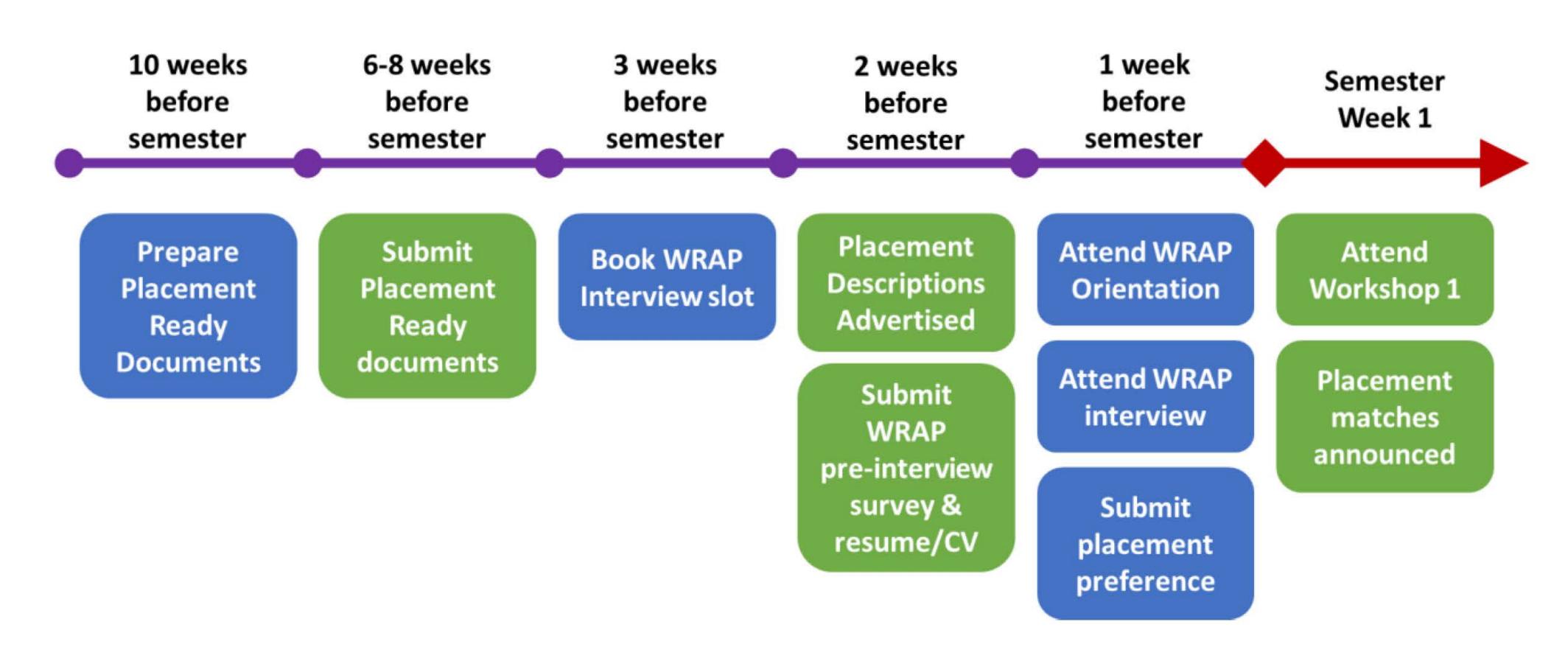
Consulting

Community support

Behaviour Modification/ Program development

Placement matching timeline



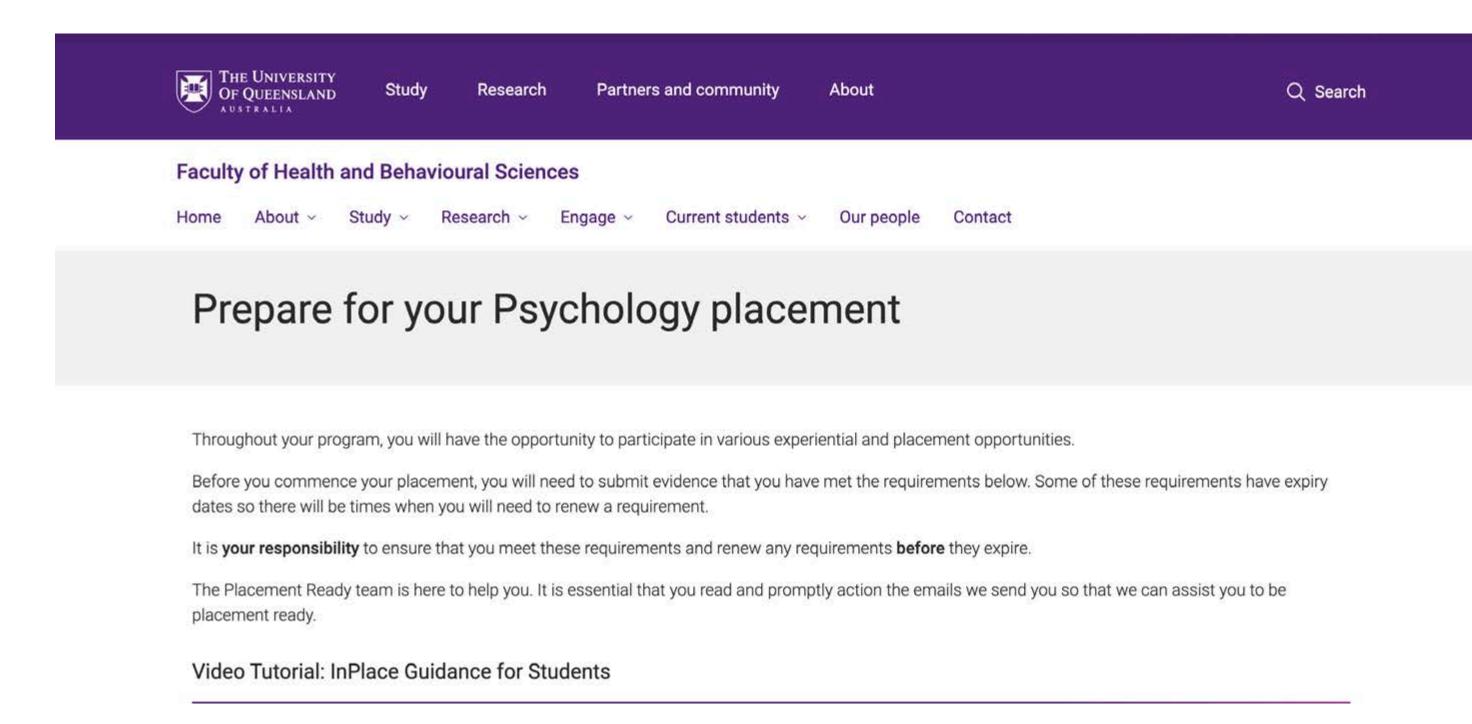


Placement are arranged prior to the start of semester

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Placement readiness requirements



https://habs.uq.edu.au/current-students/prepare-for-your-placement

- Before students undertake placement activities a number of health and safety requirements need to be met
- The exact requirements differ depending on your placement type/location
- Completion of these requirements will impact on the placements you are eligible for





CREATE CHANGE

Are you placement ready?

Have you completed all necessary requirements to start your placement?

Scan the code to find out if you're placement ready.

To find out more, visit our website

W: bit.ly/prepare-for-your-placement

If you have further questions, please email

habs.placementready@uq.edu.au







PSYC4221 WRAP – Placement Requirements

MANDATORY

- Blue Card Free
- National Police Certificate (NPC) approx. \$50-60
 (Queensland Police NPCs no longer accepted)
- Disability Worker Screening Clearance (Yellow Card) Free
- HaBS Placement Safety Modules (2) Free

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR CLINICAL PLACMENTS:

- Student Immunisation Record Form A Evidence of vaccination/immunisation for Varicella, MMR, DTP, Hepatitis B, and completing the Tuberculosis Self Assessment Form. – GP appointment required.
- QLD Health Documents Student Orientation Checklist, iLearn Modules, Evidence of Allied Health Modules. *All ONLINE*.
- Mater Health Documents Confidentiality form, Student Checklist. – All ONLINE.





Top Tips to becoming compliant



Check your student email account.

This is important as we will send you important updates via this account.

Forward your student email to a non-UQ account if you prefer.



Make sure you check <u>InPlace</u> regularly.

If your submission has been 'Rejected' a comment will be left as to why and a notification will display in the 'To Do' section of your InPlace homepage. If you click the 'Read more' link it will detail the comments.



Get started on completing your Immunisation Record.

You should get started on completing your Form A or Form B Immunisation record immediately with your GP. You will receive a 'Student Immunisation Evidence Request' email to upload your form into my.UQ.



Upload ALL pages of your documents as one file to InPlace and my.UQ.

Even if you only enter information on one page you need to submit the entire document.

Placement Ready Information Session



Questions about your pre-placement compliance requirements?

Get in touch with the HaBS Placement Ready Team:

Web: https://habs.uq.edu.au/current-students/prepare-for-your-placement

Email: habs.placementready@uq.edu.au

Visit us: Mondays – Thursdays 11am – 2pm

Room 539A, Level 5, Human Movement Studies Building (26B)

Online chat: Join via the Prepare for Placement webpage. Monday to Friday, 1pm to 3pm

Live Video Chat: Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm UQ Service Centre - Video Kiosk

Phone: 07 3346 0903 Monday - Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm

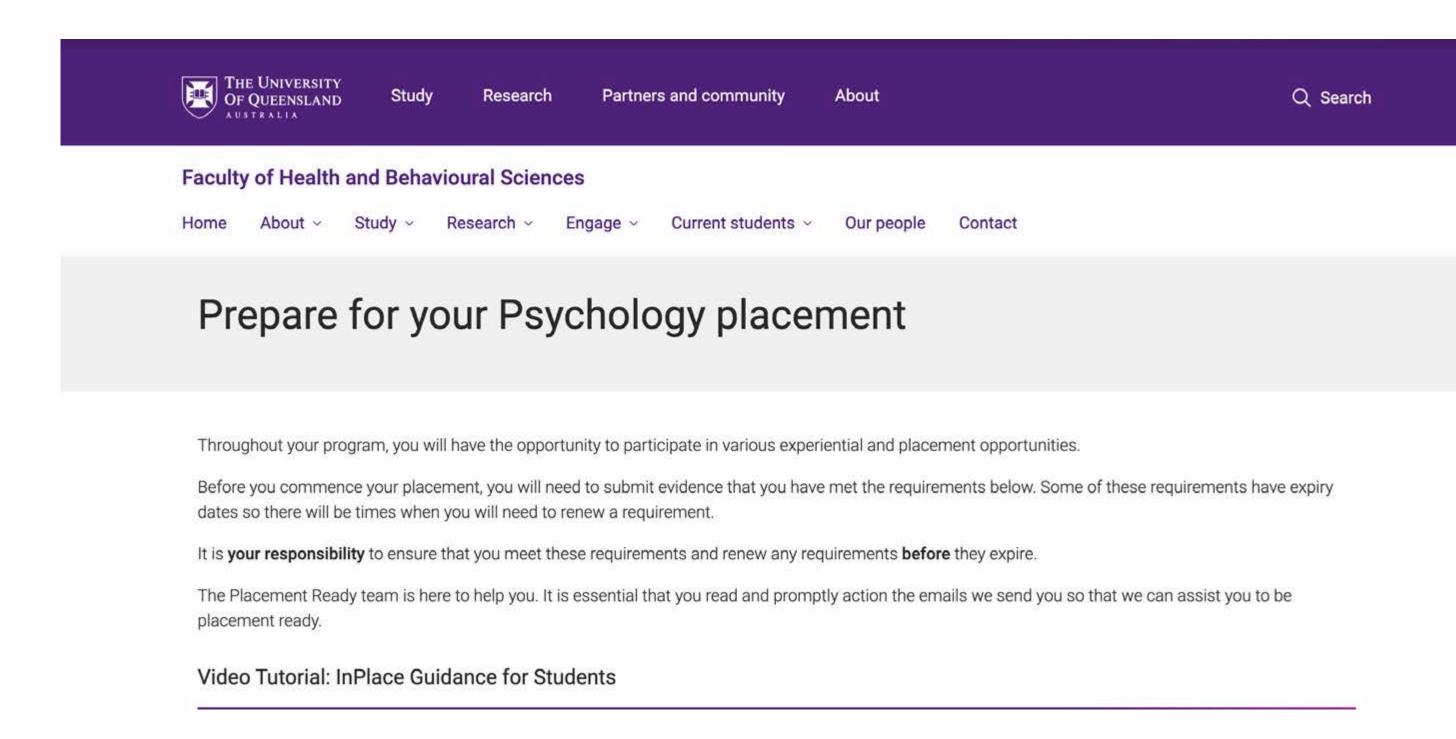
Other questions about your placement?

Contact your Placements Coordinator or School: https://habs.uq.edu.au/about/schools-and-centres

Placement Ready Information Session 45



Placement readiness requirements



- The majority of requirements can be completed once you have your honours stream confirmed (you will be contacted once you can commence uploading these requirements)
- However, you will need to *plan in advance* for the immunization requirements.



Placement readiness timeline: Semester 1

Activity	Date
Verify that your immunizations are up to date and complete any outstanding course of immunization	From now
Apply for Blue Card, Yellow Card, and National Police Certificate	
	Once your honours stream is confirmed (mid- December)
Upload immunisation evidence	
Due date for all compliance evidence to be uploaded	January 20 th , 2025

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Self-sourced placements



- WRAP team source a wide variety of placement opportunities and vet these for suitability.
- Students can source their own placements if they have an interest in a particular area or are already involved in a relevant role that meet the requirements of a placement for the course.
- The placement must meet the following requirements to be considered:
 - Be relevant to the course and degree
 - No conflict of interest between student and organisation (https://integrityinvestigations.uq.edu.au/support-and-advice/conflict-interest)
 - Consist of unpaid work
 - Student must be enrolled in the course before commencing placement
- Student completes the application form and Placement Coordinator will connect with the organisation.
- If you would like to self-source a placement for semester 1, contact the Course Coordinator and Placement Coordinator to discuss no later than 3 January 2025.

Things to consider when choosing your Honours stream

- Your strengths
- Preference for group/individual thesis work (learning style)
- Time commitment and flexibility
- Desire to do your research on a particular/specific topic
- Desire regarding depth of project and research skill acquisition
- Contact with supervisor
- Desire to be in a lab group setting
- Timetabling limitations

Things to consider when choosing your Honours stream

- The streams are equally good, challenging and interesting
- They have a lot of overlap but tend to place emphasis on slightly different components, skills, and experiences
- In developing your preference, consider your broader preferences and goals
- Research component in both streams can be very basic or very applied science (depends on your topic)
- There is as much variation within each stream as there is between streams (depends who you work with)

Considerations	Research stream (individual thesis)	Work-integrated stream (team thesis + placement)
Learning style and content	Engaging in independent work; focus on theoretical knowledge and conducting research	Engaging in teamwork; focus on practical experience with hands-on, real-world applications
Time and flexibility	Significant time commitment to independent research	Time for research and placement, requiring flexibility with varying schedules and locations
Supervision and support	1:1 interaction with academic research supervisor	Collaborative environment with peers and direct supervision by placement supervisor
Skill development and experience	In-depth research skills; independent problem- solving (can involve teamwork)	Teamwork; practical knowledge in applying psychological knowledge to solve problems
Scope and application	Broader range of research topics; focus on advancing knowledge	Insight into career options in applied psychology; focus on advancing and applying knowledge

Questions?

Entry requirements, enrolment and application procedure

- BPsySc(Hons) students
 - All years 1-3 degree requirements completed (#48 units). No online application required.
- BA/BSc Students
 - Degree complete by the end of Semester 2, 2024. GPA of at least a 5.0 required across second and third year psychology extended major courses. Online applications required by 31 October 2024 (https://psychology.uq.edu.au/study/honours/ honours-application-details).

Entry requirements, enrolment and application procedure

Other options

- If you have completed #48 units of the BPsySc (Hons) then you can withdraw and be awarded the BBehSci.
- You should consider this option if you do not require 4th Year/ Honours in Psychology for your chosen career path.
- Many postgraduate programs DO NOT require a 4-year/ Honours degree for entry (eg: master of audiology, mental health, counselling, speech pathology, business).

Entry requirements, enrolment and application procedure

- If you have changed programs into the Bachelor of Psychological Science (Hons) program, make sure you have applied for credit transfer to your new program.
- Feel free to contact Sarah cpsychonours@psy.uq.edu.au
 and she can check for you.

GPA

- Research vs. Work-integrated stream determined by preference, but GPA may have to be used if one stream is oversubscribed.
- Multiply the number of units by the grade achieved for the course. Then add these results together and divide by the sum of units for all the courses.

GPA = (Units x Grade) + (Units x Grade) / (SUM number of Units)

- All years 1-3 courses, including credit and electives, are used in the GPA calculation for BPsySc(Hons). For BA/BSc applicants, only second and third year psychology extended major courses are used.
- Grades for repeated attempts at courses will be averaged for the GPA.

Entry Timeline

BPsySc (Hons) students

- Potentially eligible students (based on number of completed units) will be emailed regarding their intention to progress. Ineligible students will not be contacted.
- Another email will be sent with an offer of progression in early December and you will be asked to nominate preferred stream.
- If you wish to exit with the BBehSci, please let us know and we will advise of the process (psychonours@psy.uq.edu.au).

For BA/BSc Students

- Applicants will be notified of the outcome in early December. You will be asked to nominate preferred stream.

Communication

- Keep the offer letter and attachments!
- You must check your student email account regularly during December, January & February.
- If you are beginning Honours in 2025, we will be in touch in early 2025 to notify you of:
 - 'Meet the Supervisors' session (Jan 2025).
 - How to indicate your preferences for supervisors (Research and Team).
 - A compulsory orientation session in O-Week.

O-Week starts 17 February 2025 Semester 1 starts 24 February 2025

Enrolment

- University enrolment is via SI-net
 - Enrol in the individual courses.
 - NOTE: #2 unit seminar courses are not yet finalised for 2025, so there will not be a full list.
- Enrolment for your seminar course will take place after you attend the O-week
 4th year orientation session in Feb 2025.

Enrolment (2 unit seminars)

- Enrolment limit in each is 25 to allow an opportunity for debate and discussion.
 - Note that the structure and workload of the seminar courses is similar.
 - The aim is to foster critical analysis and debate about theories and issues.
- Enrolment will open via SI-net after the Orientation meeting in O-Week February.
- When the quota is reached no further enrolments will be permitted.

Supervisor Preferences

- Information and the online preference form will be available in January 2025 (more details will be emailed with offer letters).
- We will run a 'meet the supervisor' session in January 2025.
- It's important to check your student email account from December February for offer and supervisor information.

Take the time to read through the projects of multiple supervisors.

Honours Supervision

- Both streams: You will be notified prior to Week 1 of who your supervisor is.
- Supervisors are not expected to engage in detailed discussion about thesis projects before Semester 1, but you may contact them to get reading material.
- Supervisors will be academics/affiliates in/with the School of Psychology

What you need to do

- Check your email regularly and respond quickly.
- Complete online supervisor preference form by the due date in January (details to be sent to student email addresses).
- Enrol as directed in your notification email.
- Attend 4th year orientation session.
- If you decide to withdraw, cancel your enrolment on SI-net AND let the School know.

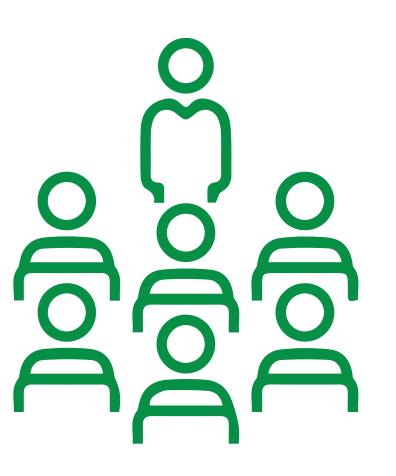
We will not be informed if you cancel your enrolment.

You'll be asked to nominate your preferred stream on **27 November**.

Research Stream

Work-integrated Stream





What if I don't do Honours?

If you don't plan to continue to the honours year in 2025 and want to leave the program or take a break, please reach out to the admin team to talk about it.

Questions?