

2011 Application Form

Higher Degrees in Psychology



Closing Dates

➤ **Scholarship Applications**

Closing date for Scholarships 31 October each year (Note: Scholarships are not available for the Doctor of Psychology)

➤ **Combined MAppPsych/PhD**

Closing date for Admission 31 October

➤ **RMT and DPsych**

Closing date for 1st Semester Admission 31 October

Closing date for 2nd Semester Admission 31 May

➤ **PhD and MPhil**

Applications for Admission are accepted all year round.

Who should use this form?

The attached form should be used by graduates with proven research experience* who wish to apply for research scholarships (including current research students) and admission for PhD, MPhil, Research Masters with Training and Combined MAppPsych/PhD in the School of Psychology.

This form should also be used by graduates who wish to apply for admission to the Doctor of Psychology program.

* Proven research experience generally means award of Honours and/or completion of a substantial research based thesis, either as part of a four year degree or as a postgraduate student. If you are in doubt whether your research experience is sufficient for admission, please contact HDR Services for more information.

Documentation

The following documentation must accompany your application form at the time of submission. The only exceptions are the professional and academic referee reports which should be sent directly to HDR Services by your referees and any outstanding results from studies you may be completing in 2010, which you will need to send to HDR Services as soon as they become available in the form of official transcripts.

Please ensure that the supporting documentation is complete. Original documents are preferred and will be returned to you if you request it. You must attach certified copies of award certificates and full academic transcripts, including keys to the grading system used. All documents MUST be in English; if not, please include certified English translations. Copies are acceptable provided that the copied documents are certified as "true and complete copies of the original" by either the issuing authority, a Justice of the Peace or a Commissioner for Declarations. Uncertified photocopies or facsimiles will not be accepted. Applications submitted without full and proper documentation, or with no explanation as to why documentation is not available, will not be assessed.

Applicants for the Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) must provide an original or certified copy of their birth certificate, extract of entry, citizenship certificate or passport extract.

If you have changed your name since you were awarded the qualifications upon which this application is based, you must supply the original or correctly certified copy of your marriage certificate or change of name declaration.

➤ **Australian Residency**

If you have arrived in Australia in the past twelve months, you must supply the original or correctly certified copy of the passport visa showing permanent residency approval.

➤ **Previous Tertiary Studies**

A complete record of your tertiary studies is required at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, showing all years of study, all tertiary institutions attended and all qualifications obtained. If you have failed any courses or have been excluded from any tertiary institution for any reason, full details must be given. You must include with your application complete official academic transcripts which set out all subjects you have studied, the years in which they were attempted and the individual grades obtained in each subject.

Results or marks slips are not acceptable.

If a transcript does not clearly show that a qualification (eg, BSc, BA) has been awarded, you will also need to provide your degree certificate or official advice from the university registrar that the degree has been or will be awarded.

Please ensure that transcripts include explanations of grades and abbreviations used. If these documents are not available when you apply, you should indicate when you are likely to have them, and forward them to HDR Services as soon as possible. Murdoch students do not need to provide academic transcripts for Murdoch studies.

If you have had a prior Research HECS Exemption Award or Research Training Scheme Funding, details must be given.

➤ **Curriculum Vitae**

Please enclose a copy of your latest curriculum vitae.

➤ **Honours Results**

If you are currently enrolled as an Honours student, either at Murdoch University or at another institution, you must notify HDR Services as soon as you receive advice of the level of Honours awarded. Advice from your supervisor or faculty must be followed up with formal transcripts or certificates from your University Registrar.

Documentation continued..

➤ *Honours Equivalence*

For applicants without an Honours degree, it is important that you fully complete the section titled "Honours Equivalence". Applicants without Honours will be assessed individually on the basis of information provided in this application

➤ **Referee Reports**

- For PhD and MPhil - you will need to obtain two academic referee reports
- For DPsych and RMT – you will need to obtain one academic referee report and one professional referee report
- Combined MAppPsych/PhD – you will need to obtain two academic referee reports and one professional referee report.

Academic referee reports should be obtained from academics conversant with your most recent academic work. Fill in the front section of each referee report form and then give them to your chosen referees. The forms should then be completed by the referees and sent directly to HDR Services.

Referee reports sent by email will not be accepted.

Notification

The first round of scholarship offers will be posted in mid-December, and all results of applications will be posted before Christmas.

If you have any queries regarding Research Degrees or Scholarships at Murdoch University, please contact:

HDR Services

Division of Research and Development

Level 1 Chancellery Building

Murdoch University MURDOCH WA 6150

Ph: (08) 9360 6506 Email: higherdegreeresearch@murdoch.edu.au

<http://www.research.murdoch.edu.au/gradcentre>

2011 Application Form Higher Degrees in Psychology

Closing dates *Scholarship Applications 31 October*
Admission to Combined MAppPsych/PhD 31 October
Midyear Admission for RMT and DPsych 31 May
Applications for PhD and MPhil are accepted at any time

PERSONAL DETAILS:

Murdoch Student Number - leave blank if you have not studied at Murdoch University before

Full Name - show former surname if you have changed your name since you have graduated (proof of change of name required)

Title:		Surname or Family Name:	
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Given Names:

Former Surname or Family Name:

Date of Birth:

Residential Status - mark appropriate box

Are you a permanent resident of Australia? Yes No Are you a New Zealand Citizen? Yes No

Are you an Australian Citizen? Yes No

Address for Notification - any offer will be sent to this address

Po	stcode:
Home Telephone:	Mobile:
Work Telephone:	Email:

Degree Applied For - indicate degree and mode of study

PhD MPhil RMT Combined MAppPsych/PhD

DPsych	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please indicate your proposed stream of study	
Clinical	<input type="checkbox"/>	Organisational	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mode of Study

Internal Part-time Internal Full-Time

Scholarships - indicate which scholarships you wish to apply for (closing date 31st October 20%)

Please Note: Scholarships are not available for the DPsych

Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) Other (Specify)

Murdoch University Research Studentship (MURS)

Previous Tertiary Education - including any partly completed undergraduate or postgraduate studies, or any studies at Murdoch University. **NOTE: Original or certified copies of all studies at all institutions must be provided.**

Degree title	Level of Honours	Institution	Year of Award

Advanced Standing - Do you wish to be considered for advanced standing if you are an applicant to the Combined MAppPsych/PhD Program or the RMT?

Yes No

Have you had a research degree enrolment at another institution within the last three years?

Yes No *If yes, you must complete a "Previous Candidature Declaration Form" available from HDR Services*

Personal Statement

You are required to provide a statement of no more than 500 words in support of your application. The statement should include information you believe will assist the Selection Committee to assess your application. For example, you might explain how your previous studies, research or work experience relate to the course for which you are applying. You should also give details of any academic distinctions or prizes you may have received and any publications or other scholarly or professional achievements you believe may be relevant. If you are applying for admission to the Doctor of Psychology degree, please indicate which specialisation you wish to do and provide reasons.

Research Experience: *Please provide attachments if space is insufficient*

Provide titles and approximate length (in words) of theses or dissertation completed in your previous degree(s):

Outline briefly any other research in which you have been engaged:

Publications

Please attach a list of publications including work which you have done individually or jointly with others. The list should be presented with the following information:

- Title**
- Authorship** (indicate your contribution, if it is a joint publication)
- Type of Publication** (eg journal article, poster, CD-Rom, conference paper, performance, web-based publication)
- Is the publication refereed?**
- Details on how this item contributes to the proposed thesis.**

Honours Equivalence (for applicants without an Honours Degree)

For applicants who do not possess (or are not completing in 2010) an Honours degree, it is essential that any evidence in relation to the following criteria be addressed in your application:

- evidence of a major thesis (of approx 6 months duration)
- evidence of research experience which may be equivalent to a major thesis
- examiners' reports of any dissertation or thesis
- evidence of any merit honours
- evidence of fellowship or professional memberships
- in the case of art, design or other performance based programmes where other criteria may be inappropriate, international or national reputation by way of exhibitions, performance, or production with your role clearly explained.
- Also please take care to fully address Items "Research Experience" and "Publications"

Intended Research Area: *Please indicate your intended research area*

Research Project

Please provide as an attachment, a brief description of your research project. This should be a 300-500 word summary of research aims, likely questions and possible outcomes of your proposed project.

What are the likely main expenses involved in your project?

NOTE: financial resources for your project will be finalised during your initial enrolment and Programme of Study and will be subject to approval of the Dean.

Has an academic staff member agreed to supervise your proposed project? If yes, please give person's name and date of contact:

Employment: *Indicate any other professional, scholarly or employment experience relevant to your application:*

If you are permanently employed and intend to enrol part-time, please state the name of your employer and your position if you will be using employer facilities in the course of your research:

Referees - *Provide names, addresses and telephone numbers of the persons whom you have asked to support your application.*

Declaration:

I declare that the information supplied by me on this form is complete, true and correct in every particular. I understand that Murdoch University reserves the right to vary or reverse any decision regarding admission or enrolment made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information.

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Checklist: Enclose with your application**All Applicants**

Original or Certified copies of your academic records/transcripts

Curriculum Vitae

Description of research project

Original or certified copy of your birth certificate, extract of entry citizenship certificate or passport entry (For APA Applications only)

Applicants without Honours must please take care to fully address the sections "Research Experience" and "Publications"

Personal Statement

Referee Reports**DPSYCH**

1 x Academic Referee Report

1 x Professional Referee Report

Please Note: Successful applicants will be required to obtain relevant police clearance(s) and may have to provide proof of immunisation against some communicable diseases.**PHD and MPHIL**

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2 x Academic Referee Reports

COMBINED MAPPSYCH/PHD

2 x Academic Referee Reports

1 x Professional Referee Report

Please Note: Successful applicants will be required to obtain relevant police clearance(s) and may have to provide proof of immunisation against some communicable diseases.**RMT**

1 x Academic Referee Report

1 x Professional Referee Report

ACADEMIC REFEREE REPORT FORM -1



In confidence – not to be returned to the applicant

NOTE TO REFEREES

This report is a confidential document on a candidate for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Master of Philosophy (MPhil) or Research Masters with Training (RMT), Doctor of Psychology (DPsych) or The Combined Master of Applied Psychology (MAppPsych)/Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) course.

The PhD is a 3 year (full-time) degree which involves a student independently researching a specific topic under the guidance of a supervisor. This research involves critical and creative activities and disciplined methods of inquiry designed to increase the stock of human knowledge.

The MPhil is a 2 year (full-time) supervised research program involving the independent research of a specific topic under the guidance of a supervisor. The candidate must undertake an original investigation which would normally be more limited in scope and degree of originality than a PhD.

The RMT is an 18 month (full-time) degree designed for students for whom additional, or specialised, research training is desirable. It is suitable for industry professionals who seek to extend and deepen their research expertise and undertake research relevant to their professional field, and those hoping to proceed to a higher degree but lacking in the conventional background. It is not an alternative to an honours degree.

The DPsych is an intensive three-year professional research degree consisting of seminars, supervised practical work and applied research. The specific purpose of the DPsych is to enable students to undertake applied Doctoral-level research on a topic of their choice which will make a distinct contribution to the profession whilst gaining skills in applied psychology to meet registration requirements, and to pursue specialised study in a professional area of their choice.

The Combined MAppPsych/PhD is a 4 year full-time or part-time equivalent course. It is offered to students wishing to combine professional training at Master's level in Clinical or Organisational Psychology with compatible research at the PhD level. It combines a thorough professional training in the chosen area of specialisation with the high level of research training associated with doctoral-level research.

Entry is competitive and we would appreciate your frank comments on the applicant's suitability for admission to the course.

All information you provide will be treated as strictly confidential. Please complete your Report as soon as possible and mail it in an envelope marked "Confidential" to:

**HDR Services
Division of Research and Development
Level 1 Chancellery Building
Murdoch University
South St,
MURDOCH, WA, 6150**

This private and confidential assessment will be treated in the strictest confidence by the Selection Committee and officers of the University who are required to handle such documents.

Please do not return this report to the applicant.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS

Complete the section with your name and intended course, then pass the form to a person you wish to act as your academic referee. The academic referee, where possible, should be conversant with your most recent academic experience.

ACADEMIC REFEREE REPORT FORM - 1



IN CONFIDENCE (Not to be returned to applicant)

Applicant: Complete the section below and pass the form to a person whom you wish to act as your academic referee. That person should be a senior academic conversant with your most recent academic experience.

Surname:

Other Names:

Degree:

Faculty:

Referee: Please complete and send this form as soon as possible to HDR Services (address below).

This is a private and confidential assessment and your response will be treated in the strictest confidence by the Selection Committee and officers of the University who are required to handle such documents.

Name:

Position:

Address:

Based on your knowledge of the applicant and their work, how would you rate their research potential in relation to their peers?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Top 10%</i>	<i>Top 20%</i>	<i>Top 40%</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Unable to comment</i>
<i>Outstanding</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>		

Please supply comments in support of your ranking of this applicant's research potential (continue overleaf)

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Referee's Comments:

Please supply comments which you think will assist in assessing the applicant's ability to complete the program applied for.

Referee's Signature:

Date:

ACADEMIC REFEREE REPORT FORM - 2

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NOTE TO REFEREES

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The Combined (MAppPsych)/ (PhD) is a 4 year full-time or part-time equivalent course. It is offered to students wishing to combine professional training at Master's level in Clinical or Organisational Psychology with compatible research at the PhD level. It combines a thorough professional training in the chosen area of specialisation with the high level of research training associated with doctoral-level research.

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ACADEMIC REFEREE REPORT FORM - 2



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Surname:

Other Names:

Degree:

Faculty:

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<i>Top 10%</i>	<i>Top 20%</i>	<i>Top 40%</i>		
<i>Outstanding</i>	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Unable to comment</i>

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Referee's Signature:

Date:

EMPLOYER OR PROFESSIONAL REFEREE REPORT FORM - 1



This form should only be completed as part of RMT, DPsych and Combined MAppPsych/PhD applications. PhD applicants are not required to have an Employer or Professional Referee.

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NOTE TO REFEREES

This report is a confidential document on a candidate for admission to the Research Masters with Training (RMT), Doctor of Psychology (DPsych) and Combined Master of Applied Psychology (MAppPsych)/Doctor of Philosophy (PhD course).

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EMPLOYER OR PROFESSIONAL - 1 REFEREE REPORT FORM



Applicant: Complete the section below and pass the form to a person whom you wish to act as your employer or professional referee. That person should be a person conversant with your most recent experience.

SECTION A – (to be completed by the applicant)

Surname:

Other Names:

Degree:

Specialisation: **Clinical** **Organisational**

SECTION B – (to be completed by the applicant’s employer or former employer OR a person able to assess the applicant’s competence)

Referee: This report is a confidential document on a candidate for admission to the Combined MAppPsych/PhD or Doctor of Psychology

This is a private and confidential assessment and your response will be treated in the strictest confidence by the Selection Committee and officers of the University who are required to handle such documents.

Name:

Position:

Business Address:

For how long has the applicant been known to you?

Are you the applicant’s work supervisor? NO YES

If no, please indicate on what grounds your feel competent to comment on the applicant

If applicable, describe briefly the work undertaken by the applicant while employed by your organisation or while professionally known to you. Indicate degree of responsibility and level of work.

Based on the applicant's proficiency in his/her present work, the relevance of proposed studies, and the applicant's future potential, please indicate your assessment in the following terms:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Experience has provided excellent preparation for the proposed course.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Experience has provided useful preparation for the proposed course
<input type="checkbox"/>	Experience not relevant to the proposed course

Based on the quality of the completed work, the applicant is seen as having a record which is in the top

2% 5% 10% 25% 40% 60% in the bottom 40%

Based on your knowledge of the applicant's work and personality, the applicant's performance in the course is likely to be in the top

2% 5% 10% 25% 40% 60% in the bottom 40%

General Comments

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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