The School is one of the strongest psychology departments in Australia and has excellent research and professional training facilities. It has specialist laboratories in all areas of experimental psychology, extensive computing facilities, a technical workshop, a psychology clinic and a careers research and assessment service. It has strong links with professional practitioners in the areas of clinical, forensic, neuro- and organisational psychology. The School is recognised for the excellence of its research, in terms of the high levels of grants awarded, the number and quality of journal publications and the many prizes and awards made to staff and students. Many staff members have international reputations in their chosen fields and research programs are often carried out in collaboration with researchers throughout Australia and in other countries. In addition to Postgraduate research degrees, the School also offers professional training degrees that are accredited as fifth and sixth years of study, leading, with appropriate professional experience, to full membership of the Australian Psychological Society and to its specialist colleges, and to national registration as a psychologist.

Research Degrees

**Doctor of Philosophy**

Program Code: 1400  
Commencement: S1 and S2  
Length of study: 3.5 to 4 years of advanced study leading to the submission of a thesis. Minimum duration for completion is 3.5 years.  
Entry requirement: A recognised 4-year Honours degree in Psychology at Class 1 or Upper Class 2 level.

A PhD requires the completion of a piece of research that demonstrates a significant and original contribution to knowledge in the field of study. Candidates acquire advanced specialist research training under academic supervision. The candidate's thesis summarises the research and provides evidence for independent thought and critical analysis, effective communication and expert knowledge of the discipline in the international context.

**Doctor of Philosophy/Master of Psychology**

Program Code: 1404 (Clinical),  
1405 (Forensic),  
1406 (Organisational)  
Commencement: S1 only  
Length of study: 4 years of advanced study leading to the submission of a thesis. Minimum duration for completion is 4 years.  
Entry requirement: A recognised 4 year Honours degree in Psychology at Class 1 level.

These elite programs require the completion of a full PhD in an area of specialist study in Psychology (see above). In addition, students simultaneously undertake graduate training as a psychologist leading to accredited professional qualifications in the areas of clinical, forensic or organisational psychology (see coursework degree programs).
Master of Science (by Research)

Program Code: 2450
Commencement: S1 and S2
Length of study: 15 to 2 years of advanced study leading to the submission of a thesis. Minimum duration for completion is 1.5 years.
Entry requirement: A recognised 4-year Honours degree in Psychology at Class 1 or Upper Class 2 level.

Coursework Degrees

**Master of Psychology (Organisational Program)**

Program Code: B258
Commencement: Semester I only
Units of credit: 96
Length of study: 2 years full-time
Entry requirement: A recognised 4 year Honours degree in Psychology at Class 1 or Upper Class 2 level.

This program requires the completion of an original piece of research, more limited in scope and nature than a PhD. Candidates develop mastery of appropriate methodology and learn the fundamentals of research. Findings are presented in a thesis that places the work in the wider context of the discipline.

**Master of Psychology (Forensic Program)**

Program Code: B257
Commencement: Semester I only
Units of credit: 96
Length of study: 2 years full-time
Entry requirement: A recognised 4 year Honours degree in Psychology at Class 1 or Upper Class 2 level.

The Forensic program provides graduate training for psychologists who intend to pursue a career in forensic settings – police, courts, prisons, probation and parole, guardianship, child protection, statutory tribunals (e.g. mental health), worker compensation, licensing of special programs and community services, public policy and legislative review.

**Master of Psychology (Clinical Program)**

Program Code: B256
Commencement: Semester I only
Units of credit: 96
Length of study: 2 years full-time
Entry requirement: A recognised 4 year Honours degree in Psychology at Class 1 level.

The Clinical program provides graduate training for psychologists who intend to work as clinicians in hospitals, community health and other settings where they might be engaged in health promotion and the diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of people with a range of psychological problems and disabilities.