

Master of Psychology Quick Start Guide

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Know your eligibility

The academic entry requirement is a First or Upper Second Class Honours degree in psychology, which is accredited by the Australian Psychology Association Council (APAC). For more details about eligibility, including [English](#) requirements for international students, please visit the [Course Structure Page](#).

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Check your dates

Entry into the Masters is competitive and there is a specific application deadline, which can be found on our [Important Dates page](#). Late applications are generally not accepted and the University reserves the right to close applications earlier than the published date should they choose to do so.

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Prepare your documents

Please submit an electronic version of a CV (resume), a cover letter and two references.

Keep your cover letter concise, your CV comprehensive, and ensure you have two people in mind for your references - please refer to the FAQ section below. If you are not a graduate of one of our Psychology programs, make sure you provide electronic copies of transcripts and completion certificates.

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Apply directly to ECU

If you are a domestic student please apply via our [Online Application Portal](#). If you are an international student you may apply via our online application portal or through one of [ECU's Authorised Agents](#). If you are an international applicant from Bangladesh, India, Pakistan or Nepal, please apply through one of ECU's Authorised Agents.

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Wait for your initial assessment

It will take several weeks for us to assess your application, which includes the School's assessment. We may be in touch to ask for more details during our assessment. Please monitor the email you apply through so that we can reach you. Also, check your spam or junk email folder as sometimes the emails sent end up in there. If you have a question, please email admissions@ecu.edu.au.

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Shortlist outcome

The first stage is to be shortlisted for an interview. Applicants who are not assessed positively for an interview will be assessed for their next preference on their application. Applicants who have been selected for an interview will receive notification - which may be through telephone or email - about the interview details. Interviews are usually held in mid-November. Ensure you are monitoring your phone and email during this time.

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Application Outcome

If you receive a place in the Master of Psychology your offer letter will tell you how to accept. It is a straightforward process, but we are on-hand to help get you ready as well.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What do I put in my cover letter?

A. There is no specific format and it is not assessable as such. However, it will give you the opportunity to stand out. We want to know why you are a good fit for the course and if there is anything that will help us – and you – when it comes to assessing you for a place.

Q. I notice that the two references are submitted independently. What does this mean?

A. All applicants must use the [Reference Request System](#) by Heads of Departments and Schools of Psychology Australia (HODSPA), which is a system that allows you to request a reference from an academic. Please check out the link for more details - you will also be directed to this in your application.

Q. Where can I find out more information about HODSPA?

A. You can learn more about the HODSPA reference system and process via the [HODSPA Student Guide](#).

Q. What will happen if my references aren't ready by the time applications close?

A. It is up to you to ensure you submit your application and supporting documents by the deadline, but we will allow late references within reason, as they are submitted independently.

Q. I'm overseas/interstate at the moment. If I get an interview, how will I attend?

A. You can conduct your interview via teleconference or Skype. We will do our best to accommodate applicants on our shortlist, but in order to provide a timely application outcome for all parties, please work with us to be available for an interview.

Q. I am an international applicant. Can the validity of my overseas psychology qualification be assessed by ECU?

A. ECU is unable to assess your qualification to see if it is "psych qualification ready". You will need to contact the [Australian Psychological Society](#) for this assessment.

If you have any questions or need further information, please email us at studynecu@ecu.edu.au or call us on 134 328 (inside Australia) or +61 8 6304 0000 (outside Australia). You can also [chat to us online](#).