Flinders University

One Year Honours in *Psychology*

2027 International Application Guide

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Welcome

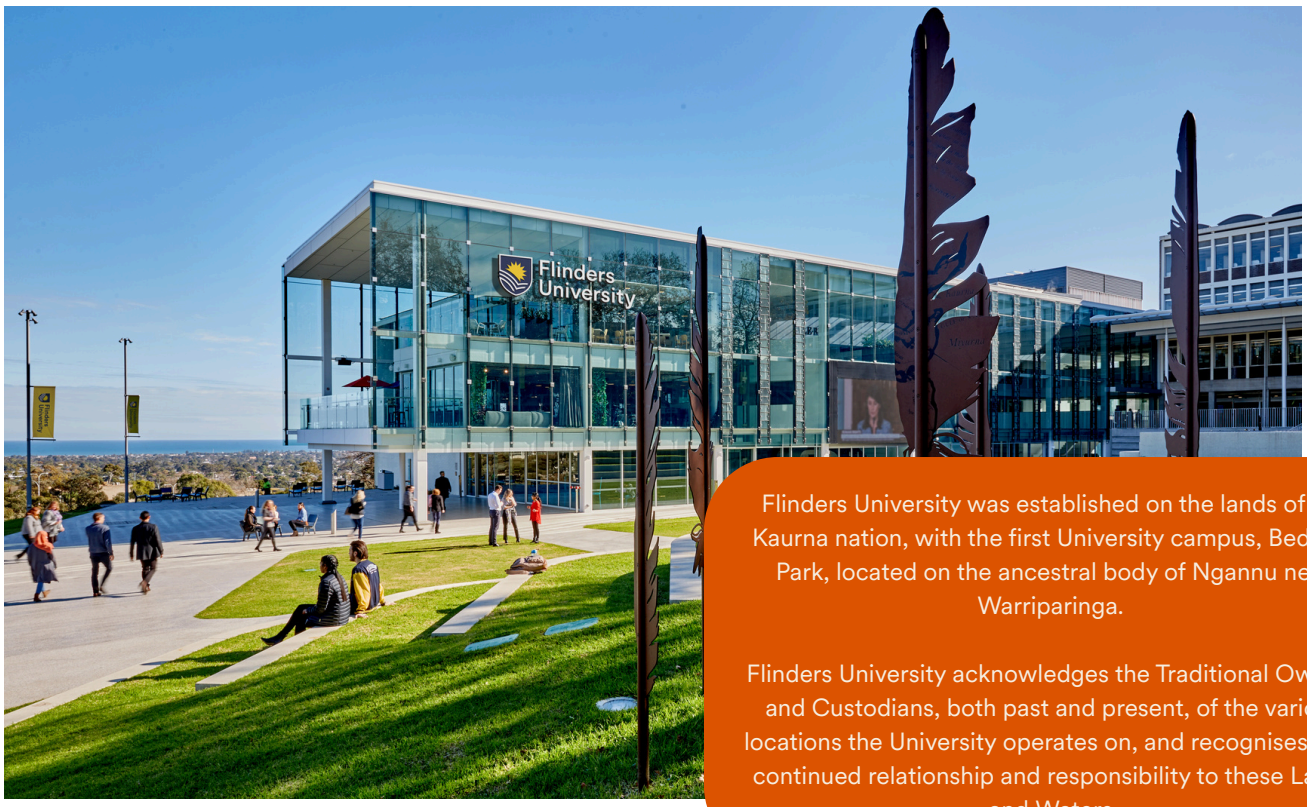
Welcome to the 2027 One Year Honours in Psychology International Application Guide.

Reading this Guide is the first step to applying for a Psychology Honours year at Flinders University. This Guide will help applicants determine their eligibility to apply and understand the application process. Information on the required supporting documentation is also provided in this guide. Reading and understanding this Guide forms part of the application process.

The Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours) is Flinders University's one year Psychology Honours course, accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC) as a fourth year of psychology.

The Psychology Honours year is offered on a full-time basis and is available for semester one commencement only. Offers are not deferrable.

We thank applicants for considering Psychology Honours at Flinders University.



Flinders University was established on the lands of the Kaurna nation, with the first University campus, Bedford Park, located on the ancestral body of Ngannu near Warriparinga.

Flinders University acknowledges the Traditional Owners and Custodians, both past and present, of the various locations the University operates on, and recognises their continued relationship and responsibility to these Lands and Waters.

This guide provides information about the current eligibility criteria and application process for entry to the one- Year Honours Psychology courses in 2026 only. Every effort has been made to ensure the information in this guide is accurate at the time of publication: September 2026. Flinders University reserves the right to alter any information contained herein without prior notice. Flinders University reserves the right to make changes to the entry requirements and selection methodology from one intake to the next without notice. Any such changes will be reflected in future editions of this guide. All prospective students are expected to act professionally toward the university, its staff, students, and other applicants. Flinders University reserves the right to consider any aspect of an applicant's behaviour in the assessment of their suitability for admission

Application timeline

2026 for 2027 entry:

Monday 7 September 2026	Applications for One Year Honours in Psychology open 9.00am (ACST)
Friday 6 November 2026	Applications close 11.59pm (ACST)
Friday 4 December 2026	Deadline for submission of Official Academic Transcripts with Sem 2, 2026 results for those completing their Psychology bachelor's degree at end of 2026.
From mid-December 2026 to February 2027	Applicants are notified of the outcome of their application. Offers may be made right up to the commencement of the course to fill places available.
Thursday 31 December 2026	Deadline for submission of Official Academic Transcripts for successful applicants in final year of eligible Psychology degree showing successful completion.
Monday 8 February 2027	Teaching commences with an Honours meeting (attendance is compulsory). Students must be available on this date to attend Supervisor Topic Presentations and Interviews to determine their thesis supervisor.

Official Academic transcripts must be submitted by applicants who have completed or are about to complete an APAC-accredited undergraduate sequence in Psychology at institutions other than Flinders University.

Eligibility to Apply

Applicants must meet citizenship requirements, English language proficiency requirements and academic requirements to be eligible to apply.

Citizenship Requirements

If you possess Australian or New Zealand Citizenship, are a permanent resident of Australia, or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa you are classified as a domestic applicant, and must apply as a domestic applicant.

Note: New Zealand permanent residents are classified as international students.

English Language Requirements

Flinders University conducts an English Language Proficiency Check (ELPC) for all its courses to confirm applicants meet the minimum English language proficiency per English Language Proficiency Requirements for Coursework Award Courses and Topics Most applicants pass the ELPC due to having undertaken previous study in Australia at a higher education level. Applicants who may not pass the check will be contacted with further information.

Academic Requirements

Applicants must have completed (normally within the last ten years) or be in the final year of an APAC accredited 3- year undergraduate sequence in Psychology at the time of application. Applicants are also required to have passed a minimum of one semester of full- time equivalent study in second year Psychology topics and one semester of full-time equivalent study in third year Psychology topics (the equivalent to 50% of a full-time academic load at each year level). All applicants must have also passed PSYC3007 Research Methods 3 (or its third-year level equivalent at another university).

Minimum Grade Point Average (GPA)

Applicants with a Flinders equivalent Grade Point Average (GPA) of less than 5.25 in all second and third year Psychology topic attempts will not be considered for a place in Honours. A Flinders equivalent GPA of 5.25 is equivalent to 75% Credit and 25% Distinction grades. Normally, a higher GPA is required. The specific minimum GPA varies from year to year depending on the applicant pool and the number of available places

The Flinders University GPA for second and third year topics is calculated using the following formula:

GPA =
sum of (value for each grade* x topic unit value)/ total number of units

***based on % mark achieved**

Flinders University value for each grade per (%) marks achieved:

High Distinction = 7 (85% to 100%);
Distinction = 6 (75% to 84%);
Credit = 5 (65% to 74%);
Pass = 4 (50% to 64%);
Fail = 1.5 (0% to 49%); Withdraw Fail = 1.5

The following grades are not counted in the calculation: Non- Graded Pass; Withdraw Not Fail.

Topic Unit Value is as detailed on the Official Academic Transcript.
A full-time equivalent year at Flinders is 36 units in total made up of 8 topics of 4.5 units each.

Places Available

Limited places are available each year. Due to more applications received each year than places available, applicants are asked to note the GPA in second and third year psychology topics for selection for a place is likely to be higher than the minimum required to apply. This changes from year to year depending on the number of places and the applicant pool.

At least 80% of offers are made to graduates of one of the following Flinders University degrees:

- Bachelor of Arts (Psychology major)
- Bachelor of Psychological Science
- Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Psychological Studies (Graduate Entry)
- Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced)

Up to 20% of offers are made to non-Flinders graduates who have successfully completed or are about to complete an approved APAC accredited psychology sequence in their bachelor's degree.

How to Apply

Applications are submitted directly to Flinders University through the Student Portal For details on how to apply refer to our Application Guide.

Note: Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) (4 year) students should not apply for a one-year Honours, as they progress into Honours following completion of the first three years (providing that the academic performance requirements have been met) of this four-year APAC accredited degree.

Supporting Documentation

Official Academic Transcripts

Applicants who have completed or are about to complete their APAC approved bachelor's degree at Flinders do not need to provide Official Academic Transcripts unless some of their study was completed or is being completed at another tertiary institution, i.e. specified credit was granted for APAC approved study at another institution.

Applicants who have completed or are about to complete a 3-year APAC accredited undergraduate sequence in Psychology at another tertiary institution are required to submit an Official Academic Transcript for these studies by the deadline. The transcript/s must show grades for completed studies so far in the course and must be provided in the online application. Please include a grading key (normally found on the back of the official transcript). Official Academic Transcripts must also be provided if specified credit was granted for APAC approved study at another institution.

An electronic original or a certified copy of an original Official Academic Transcript must be uploaded to the application by the deadline per the Application Timeline above, as evidence of meeting this requirement. It is suggested that applicants check with their institution on how to obtain an Official Academic Transcript if they are unsure how to obtain one.

Note: Applicants who submit Unofficial Academic Transcripts, Australian Higher Education Graduation Statement (AHEGS), Statement of Results, exam slips, screenshots of grades, Enrolment List, Confirmation of Enrolment, etc will NOT be considered as these are NOT Official Academic Transcripts

Applicants who do not provide Official Academic Transcripts by the deadline will **NOT** be considered.

My eQuals

If an applicant's Official Academic Transcript is available via the My eQuals platform, they can provide their URL link to allow access to the digital documentation in their application. If they have set a PIN via my eQuals (this is optional) they will also need to supply this. If they wish to set an expiry date for access to the digital documentation, they must ensure the date selected is after February 2026 as the University may need to access the document up to and including this time. For further information about sharing Official Academic Transcripts visit My eQuals.

If applicants receive further results and need to update their initial shared version of the document by the deadline, they will need to re-share the transcript with Flinders University in the My eQuals portal by the deadline.

Document authenticity through My eQuals

Some digital official academic transcripts specifically mention the University issuing the transcript will only guarantee the document's authenticity when it is accessed through a My eQuals link. They further state that when viewed online, the security of the document is only verified by the presence of the 'Certified' blue ribbon in the document.

Applicants who upload PDF documents from My eQuals that contain a blue ribbon stating 'Certified by (University)... all signatures are valid' in the Signature Panel in the electronic document may be accepted. However, if a printed copy of this document is uploaded to the application, it will not be accepted as the electronic document normally states '(University) cannot verify this document's authenticity in printed format'.

Note: Official Academic Transcripts submitted in the format specified by the institution as not being able to verify the authenticity will NOT be accepted.

Overseas Qualification Assessment

Applicants who are graduates with psychology degrees from non-Australian universities must have their qualifications assessed by the Australian Psychological Society (APS) for equivalence to an Australian program of study prior to submitting their application.

Information about the process for obtaining this assessment can be found on the APS website.

If official academic transcripts are in a language other than English, applicants must submit certified copies of both the original transcript and full translations in English. Translations must show results for all subjects undertaken and be certified by an independent accredited translator (NAATI) and feature the translator's original stamp and signature on every page. The translation must be a scan of the original hard copy translation document issued by the translator. Electronic versions of the translation, where the translator's stamp has been affixed electronically, cannot be accepted. It is an applicant's responsibility to comply with requests to provide further documentation, either in the original language or English translation.

Selection Criteria

Selection is based on academic merit – applicants are ranked for a place based on their Flinders equivalent GPA for all attempts of their second and third year Psychology sequence topics only.

Limited places are available each year. Due to more applications received each year than places available, applicants are asked to note the GPA in second and third year psychology topics for selection for a place is likely to be higher than the minimum required to apply. This changes from year to year depending on the number of places and the applicant pool.

Offers

Offers may be made up until the commencement ofthe course in February 2027 to fill places available. Offers are not deferrable and are only valid for the intake for which the application is made.

Conditional Offers:
There are some instances in which an applicant may receive a conditional offer:

- A Flinders University 3-year undergraduate psychology sequence is due to be completed in late 2026 and the offer is conditional on successful completion; OR
- An APAC accredited 3-year undergraduate psychology sequence at another institution is due to be completed in late 2026, and the offer is conditional on evidence of successful completion through an Official Academic Transcript to be provided by the deadline stated in the offer letter; OR
- A minimum GPA must be met as stated in the offer letter, and successful completion through an Official Academic Transcript to be provided by the deadline stated in the offer letter.

Conditions of an offer must be met as specified in the offer letter and by the stated deadline. Failure to do so will mean the offer of a place in the course will be forfeited, and their place may be offered to another applicant.

Note: Applicants who receive an offer to the One Year Honours in Psychology will be required to secure their place by accepting the offer and making required acceptance payment by the deadline stated in their offer letter. Failure to accept the offer and make required acceptance payment by the specified date, will mean the offer of a place in the course will be forfeited and their place may be offered to another applicant. If applicants decline an offer for a place, they will not be considered for another place or receive another offer.

Thesis Supervision

Applicants who have secured their place in the course and maintain enrolment must attend an Honours meeting (attendance is compulsory). Students must be available on this date to attend Supervisor Topic Presentations and Interviews to determine their thesis supervisor.

Following the initial Honours compulsory meeting in February, students are required to consult with potential supervisors and discuss possible thesis topics. They can consult with up to six potential supervisors in individual consultations.

The discussions might begin with an idea from the student or from the staff member. Students are given a list of staff members' research interests and some possible thesis ideas at the first meeting.

Students submit a list of possible supervisors to the Honours Coordinator. Supervising staff similarly submit a list of possible students.

The Honours Coordinator allocates each student a supervisor by seeking to maximise the match between student and supervisor preferences.

External supervisors: With the approval of the Honours Coordinator, a person who is not a staff member in the College of Education, Psychology and Social Work may act as an external supervisor for the thesis. An internal co-supervisor will be appointed in such cases. In the past, joint supervision with an external supervisor has included staff at the Australian Institute of Sport, CSIRO, the National Centre for Education and Training on Addiction, and Flinders Medical Centre.

Although the majority of students usually receive their first choice of supervisor, this is not guaranteed; each supervisor has a maximum number of Honours students they can supervise.

Conducting research projects with participants from a vulnerable population group (e.g. school children under 18, people with disabilities, older adults in residential care) is generally not a good idea for an Honours project because of the challenge of gaining ethics approval and the often complex logistics of recruiting in such settings.

A Department of Human Services screening check will be essential for working with vulnerable populations. This should be arranged as early as possible by contacting the College of Human Science and Culture hscenquiries@flinders.edu.au.

FAQs

How can I calculate my Flinders equivalent GPA for second and third year psychology topics?	The Flinders GPA calculator can be used to calculate your GPA for all second and third year Psychology topic attempts. Non-Graded Pass (NGP) grades are not used in GPA calculations.
I am having issues with the student account activation process, who do I contact to get technical assistance?	If you are experiencing difficulties with the account activation process you can contact our helpdesk on (08) 8201 2345
I'm not sure if I'm eligible, can I request a pre-assessment before I apply?	Pre-assessment is not possible. However, if you have 75% marks or higher in your second and third year Psychology sequence topics and you have completed a third year research topic you are encouraged to apply
Do I need to provide an official academic transcript?	If you are applying on the basis of a Flinders 3-year undergraduate psychology sequence, you do not need to provide a transcript. Applicants who have qualifications from other institutions must upload a certified copy or original official academic transcript by the deadline. Refer to the Supporting Documentation section of this guide for details
Can I submit my official academic transcript via My eQuals?	Yes, you can share a My eQuals link in your application ensuring the Can I submit my official academic transcript via My expiry date is after February 2027. Further information can be found at My eQuals.
When will I be advised of the outcome of my application?	The outcome of applications, including offers for successful applicants will commence in mid-December and may continue until the commencement of the course per the timeline provided in this guide.
I was not successful in my application. Am I able to get more information on the outcome?	If you have been unsuccessful in your application it is due to the GPA achieved in all your second and third year psychology topics not being sufficiently competitive for selection of a place in comparison to the applicant pool. Advice on the outcome of your application will not be provided over the phone
How will I be contacted about my application?	Communication regarding all aspects of the application is via email. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure they provide a current email address, regularly check their inbox (including the junk and clutter folders) and respond to any emails they may receive requesting further information
Can I defer my place to the next year?	Deferment of an offer is not permitted. If you are unable to commence the course in the current admission cycle you will be required to reapply in a future intake and a successful outcome is not guaranteed.

FAQs

Are late offers made if places are available?	Offers may be made up until the commencement of the course in February to fill places available.
Can I study the course externally?	No, the course is only available to be studied on campus and in person.
What are the time commitments for the course?	The course is available on a full-time and part-time basis. However, if you are a student visa holder, you are required to study full-time.

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