National Mental Health Workforce Strategy
MPP Internships

Unlock Opportunities with our Internship Grant

Flinders University has received funding from the Department of Health and Aged Care to enable service providers to offset the costs of facilitating a Master of Professional Psychology (MPP) internship.
Employers may be eligible for $30,000* for each internship to support onboarding, supervision and training.

The project aims to increase access to psychologists and strengthen the psychology workforce, particularly in regional and remote communities, with an incentive of $5,000 available to support relocation.

The focus of the project is across South Australia and the Northern Territory.

The project team is looking to connect with service providers, including private practices, government and not-for-profit organisations.

*$6,000 is available for onboarding costs (e.g. equipment needs) and $24,000 is available for supervision costs over the course of the internship.

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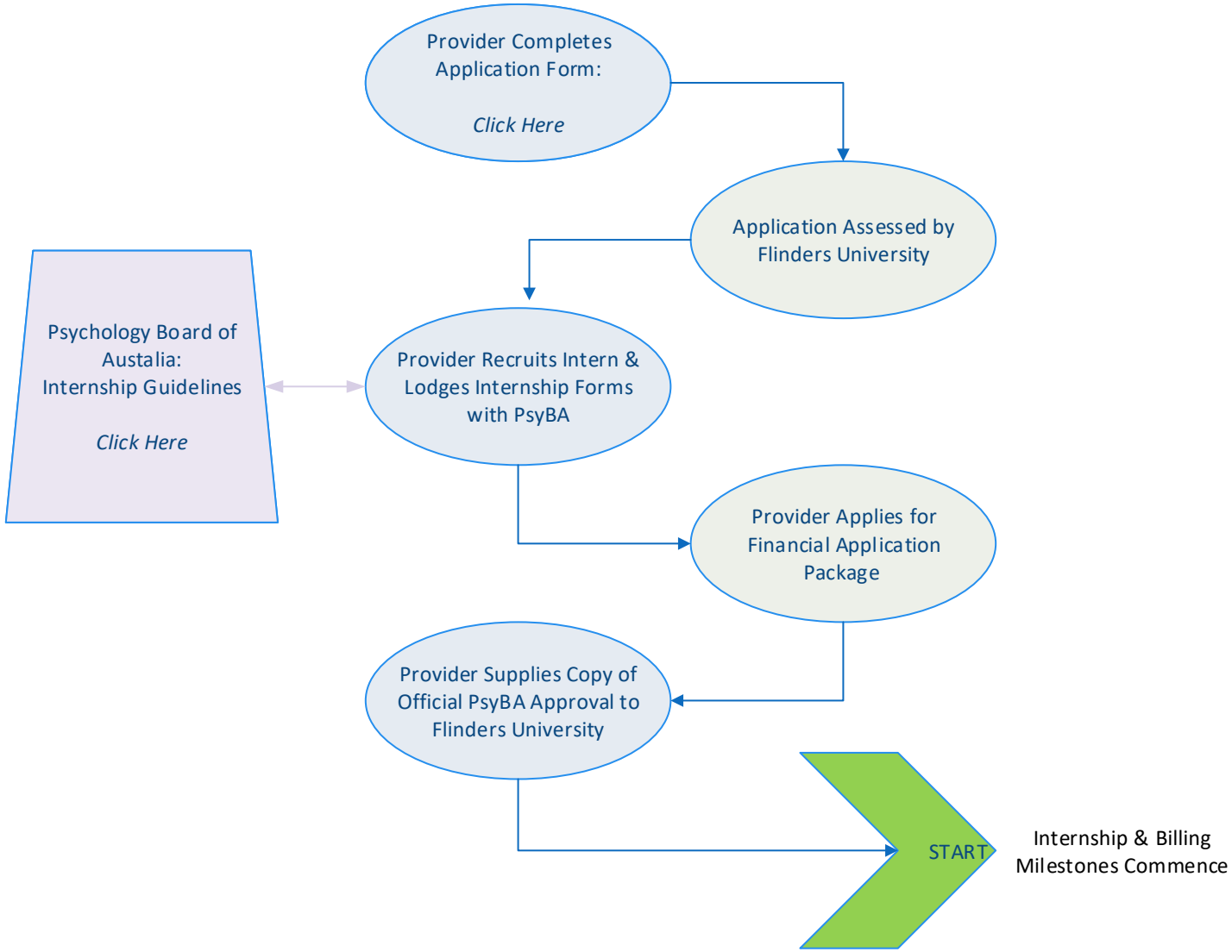
Getting involved is easy!

Contact the project team MPPinternship@flinders.edu.au for more information

Application Process for NMHW MPP Internships



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The '5+1 internship program' is a five-year sequence of accredited tertiary qualifications in psychology plus one year (or equivalent part-time) of supervised practice. This final, sixth year of training is referred to here as 'the internship program'.

Flinders University is not responsible for the development, approval or monitoring of interns during their 6th year. The internship plan, approval and requirements are regulated by the Psychology Board of Australia

In order to meet PsyBA requirements, key components of the internship include:

1.
Psychological Practice
(1360hrs)

The Internship involves completing a minimum number of direct client and client related hours of psychological practice.

Must include:
500 hours of Direct Client Contact

Direct client contact means performing specific tasks of psychological assessment, diagnosis, intervention, prevention, treatment, consultation, and providing advice and strategies under the guidance of the supervisor.

2.
Supervision
(+80hrs)

The intern must be provided with a PsyBA board approved principal supervisor to mentor, guide and support them.

Must include:
50 hours of individual supervision provided by the primary supervisor

30 hours of individual, asynchronous or small group (5 ppl max) supervision provided by primary or secondary (board approved) supervisors

3.
Professional Development
(+60hrs)

Professional development (PD) means any activity by which provisional psychologists maintain, improve and broaden their knowledge, gain competence, and develop the personal qualities required in their professional practice.

PD activities include attending lectures, workshops, short courses, conferences, and learning through reading and audiovisual materials, including preparation for the National Psychology Examination.

4.
Case studies and the National Psychology Exam

The intern must complete at least four case studies for review by their principal supervisor. Two of the case studies must focus on assessment and two on intervention. One of each will be submitted to the Board.

On completion of the internship hours (1500 in total), the intern must undertake the National Psychology Examination before applying for general registration.