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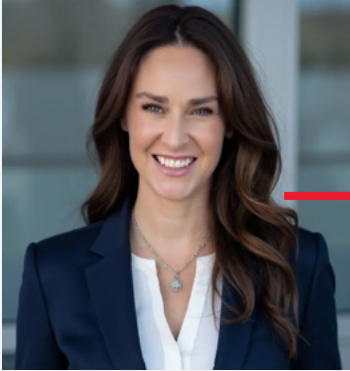
# Introducing the **SAFER FUTURES FUND**

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An initiative by Swinburne's Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science (CFBS), providing leadership and innovation through research and education excellence to shape safe, effective and humane justice systems and forensic mental health services.



# A message from Dr Julia Hosie Safer Futures Fund Ambassador



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**As a proud Swinburne alumnus and ambassador, I am honoured to introduce the Safer Futures Fund, a vital initiative of the Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science (CFBS).**

The CFBS stands at the forefront of research and education, dedicated to advancing safe, effective, and humane justice systems and forensic mental health services. Through its multidisciplinary approach—uniting experts in psychology, psychiatry, nursing, social work, law, occupational therapy, and epidemiology—it strengthens forensic behavioural science both nationally and internationally.

Swinburne has played a pivotal role in my own journey, providing an exceptional education in clinical and forensic psychology that continues to shape my career. I have seen firsthand the transformative power of its academic and clinical excellence.

The Safer Futures Fund is designed to strengthen the future of forensic behavioural science by:

- Empowering final-year Doctoral candidates to translate their cutting-edge research into impactful publications.
- Supporting transitions into the field and onto academic professional leadership roles.
- Provide access scholarships for students from non-traditional backgrounds.
- Enabling innovative studies and research that identify ways to prevent harmful behaviour and improve community safety.

These initiatives will empower the next generation of leaders and ensure the CFBS continues to deliver meaningful impact in the field and for society.

Thank you for considering your support of this important initiative.

**Together, we can create safer futures.**

# Driving the future of forensic behavioural science

Forensic behavioural science plays a critical role in understanding the factors that contribute to offending, as well as improving how society responds to crime.

The Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science (CFBS) is Australasia's leading centre for excellence in the areas of forensic mental health and forensic behavioural science research, teaching and practice development.

CFBS researchers are pioneers, generating new knowledge across a range of disciplines and work to translate that knowledge into practice. This work is grounded in a rigorous, evidence-based approach that ultimately makes our communities safer.

As Australasia's pre-eminent provider of education in forensic behavioural science, CFBS graduates take up leadership roles across government, non-government organisations, academia, and clinical practice. The CFBS fosters both early career and experience professionals, creating a pipeline of skilled experts ready to lead in this vital field.

By supporting the Safer Futures Fund, you are helping to equip the next generation of forensic behavioural science professionals with the tools, knowledge, and opportunities they need to create lasting change.

**Together, we can shape a safer future—  
for individuals, communities and society.**





# Swinburne is in the top 1% of universities globally



Swinburne University of Technology ranks among the top **1% of universities worldwide**, and within the top 25 young universities globally. Our Centre for Forensic Behavioural Science (CFBS) is a **multi-award-winning Australasian leader**, driving systems change within Victoria, Nationally and globally. CFBS also has strong institutional partnerships with Forensicare and Victoria Police. The partnership with Victoria Police has set out to **revolutionise** the way they assess and respond to severe family violence risk. In an **Australian first**, CFBS staff have developed, implemented and evaluated cutting edge risk assessment technology to help police identify family violence cases where severe harm is most likely, so they can target risk management more effectively.

# About the Fund

You can help us deliver the next generation of talent and forensic behavioural sciences leaders.

The Safer Futures Fund aims to advance a new generation of highly skilled forensic behavioural science professionals, fostering innovation, inclusivity, and research excellence in collaboration with justice and mental health systems, government, and community partners.

With your support, we can ensure a pipeline of future leaders who are equipped to create safer, more humane and effective justice systems.

The Safer Futures Fund supports this mission through **four key priorities:**

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## **Research impact scholarships:**

Established with the support of our patron, Dr Julia Hosie, Research Impact Scholarships ensure that the work of Doctor of Psychology (Clinical and Forensic) students has maximum influence on the field. These scholarships are targeted towards Doctor of Psychology students in their fourth and final year of candidature, providing financial support to help them publish their research so it has the greatest possible impact. These scholarships are targeted towards students who are facing financial hardship. Recipients will have met all the requirements of the course to an outstanding level.

## **Contribute to the endowment**

Research Impact Scholarships are supported through an endowment within the Safer Futures Fund. Donations made towards this area will contribute to this legacy, enabling us to expand the number of future scholarships from the income generated.

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## **Higher Degree by Research (HDR) Scholarships:**

Research is the fundamental building block of innovation and higher degrees by research (Doctorates in Psychology and Philosophy) students contribute significantly to CFBS' research outputs. These scholarships support outstanding students throughout their doctoral candidature to undertake impactful research. With an HDR scholarship, students can develop the skills and knowledge to drive innovation, influence policy, and lead initiatives that enhance justice systems and mental health services around Australia and the world. These scholarships align with Swinburne's vision of innovation and leadership and help build a future where justice systems are effective, humane, and grounded in cutting-edge science.

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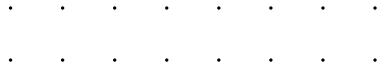
## **Professional excellence scholarships:**

We believe that all capable and passionate students should have the opportunity to contribute to forensic behavioural science—regardless of background. These scholarships are awarded to outstanding postgraduate forensic behavioural science students from culturally diverse backgrounds and/or unconventional educational pathways. They provide financial support to help these students successfully complete postgraduate education and contribute to increasing diversity and practice excellence in the forensic behavioural science workforce. By supporting these students, we not only promote individual success but also build a more representative, effective, and socially aware workforce committed to creating safer communities.

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## **Intervention Innovation Gifts:**

Much of the research conducted at the CFBS is focussed on finding ways to prevent offending and improve community safety through the development, evaluation, and implementation of effective interventions. We develop and evaluate



effective interventions that prevent harmful behaviour and improve responses to those already in the justice or mental health systems, including:

- Prevention of violence in mental health settings
- Treatments for young people with a history of violence
- Stronger interventions for people who have committed sexual offences
- Enhancing identification and management of family violence, stalking, and high-risk behaviour
- Testing novel psychological approaches to addressing violent offending in adults.

**This kind of research is time-consuming and expensive and often does not fit within the remit of Australia's available**

**research funding schemes. By making an Intervention Innovation Gift, generous donors can support the crucial development, evaluation, and translation of effective interventions for offending behaviour in an area of CFBS research expertise.**

**Contribute towards a safer future**

Whether you are passionate about youth justice, mental health, violence prevention, or another area, your contribution can be tailored for lasting impact. We welcome conversations with you about how your interests can align with Safer Futures research goals.

# Your Gift

Here is how your gift can support research and practice excellence in forensic behavioural science at Swinburne.



CATEGORY	GIFT
Research Impact Scholarships	\$7,500 per annum for a minimum of 1 year.
Higher Degree by Research Scholarships	\$35,000 per annum for a minimum of 3 years. Includes naming rights.
Professional Excellence Scholarships	\$7,500 per annum for a minimum of 1 year.
Intervention Innovation Gifts	\$100,000 per annum for a minimum of five years. Includes naming rights.

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