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PhD Psychology

Optentia Research Focus Area recognises a PhD in Psychology as a pinnacle of academic achievement whose preceding journey would have had multiple avenues. Therefore anyone with a Master's degree in Counselling, Clinical and/or Research Psychology may apply and enrol for this research-driven Psychology PhD programme.

The research conducted by the Optentia Research Focus Area members has central theme of identifying, understanding and promoting psychosocial well-being. In line with Optentia's mission of optimising potential and the Positive Psychology elements of valued subjective experiences, individual positive traits, and positive institutions/communities, students' PhD project can take the form of:

- Measurement
- Interventions
- Cross-cultural studies
- Dynamic relationships among individual and contextual factors
- Community development