

Australasian Course in Advanced Neuroscience

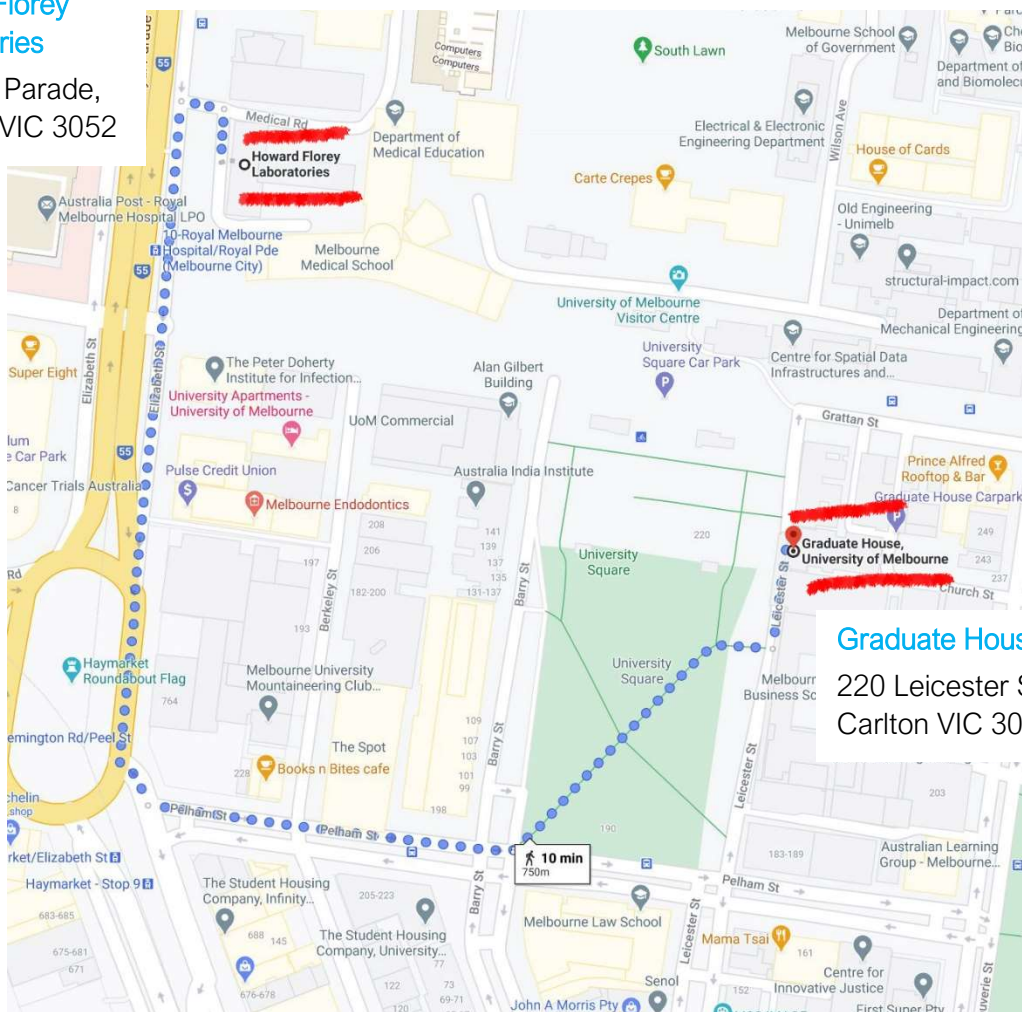
2021 | COURSE PROGRAM



COURSE VENUE

Howard Florey Laboratories

11 Royal Parade,
Parkville VIC 3052



Graduate House
220 Leicester St,
Carlton VIC 3053



COURSE FACULTY AND LABORATORY INSTRUCTORS

Final list will be available in early 2021



Sunday 25 JULY

EVENING SESSION

Graduate House at the University of Melbourne

17:00 –

[Welcome to ACAN](#)

Steve Petrou | *Director of The Florey Institute of Neuroscience*

17:30 –

[Course Overview](#)

Christopher Reid | *Director of ACAN*

18:00 –

[Check-in](#)

Find your room at the Graduate House

18:30 –

[WELCOME DINNER](#)

Students and Faculty



WEEK 1 | FUNDAMENTALS OF ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY

The Excitable Cell and Synaptic Transmission

Monday 26 JULY

07:00 – 07:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
SUNRISE SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
08:00 – 09:00	Basic Membrane Biology Ian Forster <i>The Florey Institute of Neuroscience (VIC)</i>
09:00 – 09:30	Health & Safety Instruction and Intro to MODULES Fran Tait and Chris Reid <i>The Florey Institute of Neuroscience</i>
MORNING MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
10:00 – 13:00	Module 1 Introduction to Rigs 6 students Module 2 Oocyte laboratory 2 students Module 3 Brain slice preparation & solutions 4 students
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
14:00 – 17:00	Module 1 Introduction to Rigs 6 students Module 2 Oocyte laboratory 2 students Module 3 Brain slice preparation & solutions 4 students
17:30 – 19:00	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:00 – 21:00	Student Project Presentations 6 talks, 10 min



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Tuesday 27 JULY

07:00 – 07:45

Breakfast at the Graduate House

SUNRISE SESSION

Graduate House at the University of Melbourne

08:00 – 09:30

[Principles of Electrophysiological Recording](#)

John Bekkers | *The Eccles Institute of Neuroscience (ACT)*

MORNING MODULE

Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)

10:00 – 13:00

Module 4 | [Basics of Patch Clamping](#) | 6 students

Module 2 | [Oocyte laboratory](#) | 2 students

Module 3 | [Brain slice preparation & solutions](#) | 4 students

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch at the Florey cafeteria

AFTERNOON MODULE

Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)

14:00 – 17:00

Module 4 | [Basics of Patch Clamping](#) | 6 students

Module 2 | [Oocyte laboratory](#) | 2 students

Module 5 | [Basics of Stereotaxic Surgery](#) | 4 students

17:30 – 19:00

Dinner at the Graduate House

EVENING SESSION

Graduate House at the University of Melbourne

19:00 – 19:30

Audiovisual [The Squid and its Giant Nerve](#)

19:30 – 21:30

[Student Project Presentations](#) | 6 talks, 10 min



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The Excitable Cell and Synaptic Transmission

Wednesday 28 JULY

07:00 – 07:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
SUNRISE SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
08:00 – 09:30	The Electrical Structure of Neurons Greg Stuart <i>The Eccles Institute of Neuroscience (ACT)</i>
MORNING MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
10:00 – 13:00	Module 5 Whole Cell VC and CC recording 6 students Module 2 Oocyte laboratory 2 students Module 3 Basics of Stereotaxic Surgery 4 students
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
14:00 – 17:00	Module 5 Whole Cell VC and CC recording 6 students Module 2 Oocyte laboratory 2 students Module 3 Basics of Stereotaxic Surgery 4 students
17:30 – 19:00	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:00 – 20:00	<i>Hot Topic Lecture</i> Axons and Excitability Maarten Kole <i>University of Utrecht (Netherlands)</i>
20:00 – 21:00	Post Lecture Discussion



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The Excitable Cell and Synaptic Transmission

Thursday 29 JULY

07:00 – 07:45

Breakfast at the Graduate House

SUNRISE SESSION

Graduate House at the University of Melbourne

08:00 – 09:30

[Voltage Gated Channels & Excitability](#)

Bill Connelly | *University of Tasmania (TAS)*

MORNING MODULE

Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)

10:00 – 13:00

Module 6 | [Whole Cell: Voltage Gated Currents](#) | 6 students

Module 7 | [Electrophysiology Electronics](#) | 3 students

Module 8 | [Electrophysiology Analysis](#) | 3 students

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch at the Florey cafeteria

AFTERNOON MODULE

Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)

14:00 – 17:00

Module 6 | [Whole Cell: Voltage Gated Currents](#) | 6 students

Module 7 | [Electrophysiology Electronics](#) | 3 students

Module 8 | [Electrophysiology Analysis](#) | 3 students

17:30 – 19:00

Dinner at the Graduate House

EVENING SESSION

Graduate House at the University of Melbourne

19:00 – 20:00

Post-directorial Lecture [Dendritic Integration](#)

Stephen Williams | *Queensland Brain Institute (QLD)*

20:00 – 21:00

Post Lecture Discussion



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The Excitable Cell and Synaptic Transmission

Friday 30 JULY

07:00 – 07:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
SUNRISE SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
08:00 – 09:30	Physiology of the Synapse Wendy Imlach <i>Monash University (VIC)</i>
MORNING MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
10:00 – 13:00	Module 9 Whole Cell: Mini Synaptic Currents 6 students Module 7 Electrophysiology Electronics 3 students Module 8 Electrophysiology Analysis 3 students
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
14:00 – 17:00	Module 9 Whole Cell: Mini Synaptic Currents 6 students Module 7 Electrophysiology Electronics 3 students Module 8 Electrophysiology Analysis 3 students
17:30 – 19:00	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:00 – 20:00	<i>Special Lecture</i> Dynamics of Neurotransmitter Release Sarah Gordon <i>The Florey Institute of Neuroscience (VIC)</i>
20:00 – 21:00	Post Lecture Discussion



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Saturday 31 JULY

07:00 – 07:45

Breakfast at the Graduate House

SUNRISE SESSION

Graduate House at the University of Melbourne

08:00 – 09:30

[Long Term Synaptic Plasticity](#)

Cliff Abraham | *University of Otago (NZ)*

MORNING MODULE

Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)

10:00 – 13:00

Module 10 | [WC: Evoked Synaptic Currents](#) | *6 students*

Module 11 | [Analyse Your Data \(I\)](#) | *6 students*

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch at the Florey cafeteria

AFTERNOON MODULE

Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)

14:00 – 17:00

Module 10 | [WC: Evoked Synaptic Currents](#) | *6 students*

Module 11 | [Analyse Your Data \(I\)](#) | *6 students*

17:30 – 19:00

Dinner at the Graduate House

EVENING SESSION

The City of Melbourne

19:00 –

FREE NIGHT

Sunday 1 AUGUST

FREE DAY ACTIVITY (TBD)



WEEK 2 | CORTICAL PROCESSING AND NEURONAL NETWORKS

Monday 2 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:30	Breakfast at the Graduate House
MORNING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
08:45 – 09:10	Intro to Theme and Student Groups Lucy Palmer <i>The Florey Institute of Neuroscience</i> (VIC)
09:10 – 10:15	Fundamentals of Optics & Microscopy Tim Karle <i>The Florey Institute of Neuroscience</i> (VIC)
10:45 – 12:00	Two Photon Imaging Tatsuo Sato <i>Monash University</i> (VIC)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
13:00 – 18:00	Module 12 Cleared Brain Imaging (2P) <i>All Groups</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:45 – 20:45	<i>Hot Topic Lecture</i> Advances in Optogenetics John Lin <i>University of Tasmania</i> (TAS)
20:45 – 21:45	Post Lecture Discussion

WEEK 2 | CORTICAL PROCESSING AND NEURONAL NETWORKS

Tuesday 3 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
MORNING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
09:00 – 10:15	Calcium Imaging John Power <i>UNSW Sydney (NSW)</i>
10:45 – 12:00	Applications of Calcium Imaging Juliette Cheyne <i>University of Auckland (NZ)</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
13:00 – 15:30	Module 13 In Vitro Calcium Imaging <i>Groups 1 & 2</i> Module 14 In Vitro Optogenetics <i>Groups 3 & 4</i>
EVENING MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
15:30 – 18:00	Module 13 In Vitro Calcium Imaging <i>Groups 3 & 4</i> Module 14 In Vitro Optogenetics <i>Groups 1 & 2</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:45 – 20:45	<i>Hot Topic</i> The Importance of Dendrites Naoya Takahashi <i>University of Bordeaux (France)</i>
20:45 – 21:45	Post Lecture Discussion

WEEK 2 | CORTICAL PROCESSING AND NEURONAL NETWORKS

Wednesday 4 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
MORNING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
09:00 – 10:15	Widefield Calcium Imaging Jack Waters <i>Allen Institute of Brain Science (USA)</i>
10:45 – 12:00	Advanced Imaging Fred Meunier <i>Queensland Brain Institute (QLD)</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
13:00 – 15:30	Module 15 Widefield Imaging <i>Group 1</i> Module 16 2P Imaging (anesthetised) <i>Group 2</i> Module 17 In Vivo Patch Clamp (I) <i>Groups 3 & 4</i>
EVENING MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
15:30 – 18:00	Module 15 Widefield Imaging <i>Group 3</i> Module 16 2P Imaging (anesthetised) <i>Group 4</i> Module 17 In Vivo Patch Clamp (I) <i>Groups 1 & 2</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:45 – 20:45	<i>Tutorial</i> Analyse your Calcium Data Lucy Palmer <i>The Florey Institute of Neuroscience (VIC)</i>
20:45 – 21:45	Post Lecture Discussion

WEEK 2 | CORTICAL PROCESSING AND NEURONAL NETWORKS

Thursday 5 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
MORNING MODULE	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
09:00 – 12:00	Module 18 Miniscopes I: Build a Miniscope <i>All Groups</i> Daniel Aharoni <i>University of California Los Angeles (USA)</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
15:30 – 18:00	Module 15 Widefield Imaging <i>Group 2</i> Module 16 2P Imaging (anesthetised) <i>Group 1</i> Module 18 In Vivo Patch Clamp (II) <i>Groups 3 & 4</i>
EVENING MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
15:30 – 18:00	Module 15 Widefield Imaging <i>Group 4</i> Module 16 2P Imaging (anesthetised) <i>Group 3</i> Module 18 In Vivo Patch Clamp (II) <i>Groups 1 & 2</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:45 – 20:45	<i>Hot Topic</i> Advances in Dendritic Computation Matthew Larkum <i>Humboldt University of Berlin (GER)</i>
20:45 – 21:45	Post Lecture Discussion

WEEK 2 | CORTICAL PROCESSING AND NEURONAL NETWORKS

Friday 6 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
MORNING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
09:00 – 10:15	In Vivo Imaging - Mouse Lucy Palmer <i>The Florey Institute of Neuroscience (VIC)</i>
10:45 – 12:00	In Vivo Imaging - Zebrafish Ethan Scott <i>Queensland Brain Institute (QLD)</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
13:00 – 15:30	Module 19 2 P Imaging (awake) <i>Groups 1 & 2</i> Module 20 Lightsheet Microscopy <i>Groups 3 & 4</i>
EVENING MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
15:30 – 18:00	Module 19 2 P Imaging (awake) <i>Groups 3 & 4</i> Module 20 Lightsheet Microscopy <i>Groups 1 & 2</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:45 – 21:45	<i>Tutorial</i> Analyse your 2P Data TBA <i>Palmer Lab</i>

WEEK 2 | CORTICAL PROCESSING AND NEURONAL NETWORKS

Saturday 7 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
MORNING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
09:00 – 12:00	Data Analysis and Preparation of Presentations All students
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
13:00 – 15:30	Student Presentations <i>Groups 1 & 2</i>
EVENING MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
15:30 – 18:00	Student Presentations <i>Groups 3 & 4</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	The City of Melbourne
19:00 –	<i>FREE NIGHT</i>

Sunday 8 AUGUST

[FREE DAY ACTIVITY](#) (TBD)

WEEK 3 | SUBCORTICAL SYSTEMS & BEHAVIOUR

Monday 9 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
MORNING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
09:00 – 10:15	Introduction to Theme & Student Groups Jay Bertran-Gonzalez <i>UNSW Sydney</i> (NSW)
10:45 – 12:00	Manipulating Neural Systems in Behaving Animals Philip Ryan <i>The Florey Institute of Neuroscience</i> (VIC)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
CONDITIONING MODULE <i>(throughout afternoon)</i>	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL) Meet Your Mouse <i>All Groups (sequentially)</i> Training Day 1 <i>All Groups (sequentially)</i>
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
13:00 – 18:00	Module 21 Coding a Behavioural Experiment <i>All Groups</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:45 – 20:45	<i>Special Lecture</i> The Meaning of Behaviour Bernard Balleine <i>UNSW Sydney</i> (NSW)
20:45 – 21:45	Post Lecture Discussion

WEEK 3 | SUBCORTICAL SYSTEMS & BEHAVIOUR

Tuesday 10 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
MORNING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
09:00 – 10:15	Molecular Structure of Synapses Victor Anggono <i>Queensland Brain Institute (QLD)</i>
10:45 – 12:00	Synaptic Genes & Cognition Jess Nithianantharajah <i>Florey Institute of Neuroscience (VIC)</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
CONDITIONING MODULE <i>(throughout afternoon)</i>	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL) Training Day 2 <i>All Groups (sequentially)</i>
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
13:00 – 18:00	Module 22 Miniscopes II: Implant <i>Group 1</i> Module 23 Advanced Behaviour Analysis <i>Group 2</i> Module 24 Advanced Stereotaxic Surgery <i>Group 3</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:45 – 20:45	<i>Hot Topic</i> Beyond First Order Conditioning Nathan Holmes <i>UNSW Sydney (NSW)</i>
20:45 – 21:45	Post Lecture Discussion

WEEK 3 | SUBCORTICAL SYSTEMS & BEHAVIOUR

Wednesday 11 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
MORNING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
09:00 – 10:15	Evolution & Development of Pallium/Subpallium Rodrigo Suárez <i>Queensland Brain Institute</i> (QLD)
10:45 – 12:00	Neuromodulation in Subcortical Systems and Learning Miriam Matamales <i>UNSW Sydney</i> (NSW)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
CONDITIONING MODULE <i>(throughout afternoon)</i>	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL) Training Day 3 <i>All Groups (sequentially)</i>
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
13:00 – 18:00	Module 22 Miniscopes II: Implant <i>Group 2</i> Module 23 Advanced Behaviour Analysis <i>Group 3</i> Module 24 Advanced Stereotaxic Surgery <i>Group 1</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:45 – 20:45	<i>Special Lecture</i> Opioid and Neuropeptide Regulation of Neural Circuits Elena Bagley <i>University of Sydney</i> (NSW)
20:45 – 21:45	Post Lecture Discussion

WEEK 3 | SUBCORTICAL SYSTEMS & BEHAVIOUR

Thursday 12 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
MORNING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
09:00 – 10:15	Dopamine Systems and Error-based Learning Gavan McNally <i>UNSW Sydney</i> (NSW)
10:45 – 12:00	Subcortical Systems and Disease Robyn Brown <i>The Florey Institute of Neuroscience</i> (VIC)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
CONDITIONING MODULE <i>(throughout afternoon)</i>	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL) Training Day 4 <i>All Groups (sequentially)</i>
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
13:00 – 18:00	Module 22 Miniscopes II: Implant <i>Group 3</i> Module 23 Advanced Behaviour Analysis <i>Group 1</i> Module 24 Advanced Stereotaxic Surgery <i>Group 2</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:45 – 20:45	<i>Hot Topic</i> Sensory-Modulated Eligibility Traces in the Striatum John Reynolds <i>University of Otago</i> (NZ)
20:45 – 21:45	Post Lecture Discussion

WEEK 3 | SUBCORTICAL SYSTEMS & BEHAVIOUR

Friday 13 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:45	Breakfast at the Graduate House
MORNING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
09:00 – 10:15	Acetylcholine Systems & Striatal Function Nathalie Dehorter <i>The Eccles Institute of Neuroscience (ACT)</i>
10:45 – 12:00	Visualising Neural Systems in Behaving Animals Lizzie Manning & Chris Dayas <i>University of Newcastle (NSW)</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at the Florey cafeteria
CONDITIONING MODULE <i>(throughout afternoon)</i>	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL) Learning Encoding Test 1 <i>All Groups (sequentially)</i>
AFTERNOON MODULE	Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
13:00 – 18:00	Module 25 Back to Rig: Ex-Vivo DREADDs <i>All Groups</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner at the Graduate House
EVENING SESSION	Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:45 – 20:45	<i>Honorary Lecture</i> Alan Finkel <i>Chief Scientist of Australia</i>
20:45 – 21:45	Post Lecture Discussion

WEEK 3 | SUBCORTICAL SYSTEMS & BEHAVIOUR

Saturday 14 AUGUST

07:30 – 08:45 Breakfast at the Graduate House

CONDITIONING MODULE Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
(throughout morning) [Learning Encoding Test 2](#) | All Groups (sequentially)

MORNING SESSION Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
09:00 – 12:00 [Data Analysis and Preparation of Presentations](#)
All students

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch at the Florey cafeteria

AFTERNOON MODULE Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
13:00 – 15:30 [Student Presentations](#) | 6 students

EVENING MODULE Howard Florey Laboratories (HFL)
15:30 – 18:00 [Student Presentations](#) | 6 students

18:30 – 19:30 Dinner at the Graduate House

EVENING SESSION Graduate House at the University of Melbourne
19:00 – *END OF COURSE DINNER AND FAREWELL DRINKS*

Sunday 15 AUGUST [Check-out](#)

Safe Return Home

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