ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM

Sydney Uni
SPORT & FITNESS

INFORMATION BOOKLET
for 2018 entry

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INTRODUCTION

Excellence in sport is integral to Sydney University’s rich history and diverse identity. From intervarsity to international-level sport, Sydney University is well represented in the winner’s circle.

Since 1990, Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness’ (SUSF) sporting scholarships and Elite Athlete Program have supported Sydney University’s student athletes to excel in both their sport and studies.

Sydney University’s Best

Katie Ebzery
Basketball
Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Human Movement & Health Education)

Hannah Buckling
Water Polo
Doctor of Medicine

Austin Lucy
Australian Rules Football
Master of Business Administration

Tomas Robertson
Rugby
Doctor of Medicine
Pursuing excellence in sport and tertiary studies simultaneously can be especially challenging. With access to a comprehensive suite of benefits and services, alongside the help and encouragement of skilled and dedicated staff; Elite Athlete Program members can find the balance to realise their potential.

Want to join the proud and distinguished group of graduates, who are leaders both on and off the sporting field? Then you **NEED** to be with Sydney University.

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**Georgia Yeoman-Dale**  
**Soccer**  
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)  
and Bachelor of Commerce

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**Anneliese Rubie**  
**Athletics**  
Bachelor of Arts

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**William Ryan**  
**Sailing**  
Master of Management

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**Alexander (Sasha) Belonogoff**  
**Rowing**  
Bachelor of Applied Science  
(Exercise & Sport Science) (2015)
Nicola Barr  |  Australian Rules Football  |  Bachelor of Medical Science  |  2017 GWS Giants Player & First Round Draft Pick Women’s AFL 2017

The Elite Athlete Program has been instrumental in allowing me to balance my sporting and academic endeavours. Their support puts me in the best position to achieve my goals both on and off the field, whilst also allowing me to meet like-minded student athletes.

Tom Kingston  |  Rugby Sevens  |  Bachelor of Commerce (2014) Juris Doctor (Current)  |  2016 Rio Olympian

I have always considered a Sydney University sporting scholarship very prestigious given the calibre of athletes in the Program. It is something of which I am very proud as I feel it reflects the effort and commitment I have for both my sporting and academic pursuits. From a practical point of view, it has meant I can balance my professional rugby career with that of my studies, something that simply would not be possible without the help of the Program.


What I love most about Sydney University Athletics Club (SUAC) is the team spirit and closeness we have. I love that with an individual sport we have a team atmosphere; it definitely helps keep me motivated to run as well as I possibly can. While I was studying I can’t tell you the number of times the Program was there to assist so I could maintain my training. The support is something you just can’t get anywhere else, so I am extremely grateful to SUAC and the Elite Athlete Program.
Financial Assistance
Financial support from $1,000 per annum may be provided to help with subsidising expenses related to studying (e.g. tuition fees and textbooks) and sport (e.g. sporting equipment). Allotments offered, may in some instances, be ‘topped-up’ by scholarship partners, such as Sydney University’s residential colleges and The University of Sydney Business School.

International Travel Grants
To assist with alleviating the costs of international travel and competition, up to $1,500 per annum may be awarded to students of The University of Sydney when they are selected to represent Australia in recognised sporting competitions overseas.

Academic Advice & Advocacy
Elite Athlete Program staff, in conjunction with university academic and administrative staff, work closely with members to provide knowledgeable advice across several areas including, study load, effective study skills and degree and subject choice. Importantly, guidance and representation may be available for members when flexibility is needed for university attendance and assessment tasks.

Career Services
With the support of a designated Academic Counsellor, CareerHQ and our distinguished community of alumni and friends; members may access mentoring, internship and employment opportunities, or assistance with negotiating degree and career direction.

Tutoring
Limited complimentary tutoring is offered to members across a broad range of subjects. This service is helpful for those experiencing difficulties with unit of study content or who have missed classes due to sporting commitments.
Chaplaincy

Regardless of faith or creed, members may access pastoral care and support when dealing with life issues, including grief and critical incidents. Our chaplains are the ‘go to’ people for general assistance and reliable referrals to services such as counselling and personal development.

SUSF Facilities

Members may receive complimentary access to a range of quality sporting facilities. This includes: state-of-the-art high performance facilities in the new TAG Family Foundation Grandstand; cardio and weights at the Arena Sports Centre; and a 50m indoor heated Olympic pool at the University Sports & Aquatic Centre. Access to sport-specific facilities (e.g. boxing gym, tennis courts, etc.), as well as group fitness classes, may be granted on approved request.

High Performance Services

To assist with reaching their athletic performance goals, members may access professional and convenient high performance services including:

- Strength and conditioning
- Sports dietetics
- Sports performance psychology

Discounted Rates on Sports Medicine Services

At The Sports Clinic located on the University’s main campus, members may receive concessions on often-needed services such as: physiotherapy; podiatry; remedial massage; and acupuncture.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is expected of sporting scholarship holders?
Amongst other expectations, Program members are obligated to:
• Undertake tertiary-level studies, preferably at The University of Sydney; and
• Represent Sydney University in their sport.

Are sporting scholarships available to international students?
Yes. Domestic and international student athletes can be awarded membership of the Elite Athlete Program.

Can I study part-time?
Typically, sporting scholarships are awarded regardless of the study load you choose. However, certain scholarships do imply a minimum study load, in which case we will advise you accordingly. We encourage all prospective members to check that part-time study is offered for their particular degree program by contacting their relevant university.

How long does a sporting scholarship run for?
Support is usually provided for one year at a time, with commencement dependent on your sport. If your sport is athletics, cricket, or water polo; your scholarship will run according to the financial year rather than the calendar year. Current members who wish to be considered for support in subsequent years must reapply each year.

When should I apply?
See page 10 for key application dates.
Where your sport is athletics, cricket, or water polo and you want to apply for support for the first half of the calendar year (before the usual commencement time of scholarships for these sports), you may be awarded a scholarship for this period in certain circumstances. We advise you to contact us before you apply.

How much financial support will I receive?
There are two levels of sporting scholarship; elite and talented. All members may receive the benefits and services as outlined on pages 6 and 7, except financial assistance which is only awarded to elite-level scholarship holders. Whether you are provided with an elite or talented-level scholarship, as well as how much financial assistance you’re allotted, will depend on a range of factors including (but not limited to) your recent sporting achievements and academic performance.

Chloe Dalton
Jennifer Blundell
An alternative entry scheme is offered by The University of Sydney to assist school-leavers with gaining admission to study at the University (for domestic applicants seeking places in certain undergraduate courses only). Suitable applicants are those who were elite athletes or performers and had training, competitive and/or practice commitments that significantly affected their academic performance in their HSC (or equivalent) year. A successful application may allow you to gain admission to a course with an ATAR of up to five points below the usual cutoff.

IMPORTANT

Please note that applying for and/or receiving an offer of sporting scholarship (and membership to the Elite Athlete Program) does NOT, under any circumstance, equate to applying for and/or receiving an offer of admission to study at The University of Sydney.

You must gain entry to study at The University of Sydney on your own academic merit.

All enquiries and/or applications for the University’s Elite Athletes & Performers Alternative Entry Scheme should be directed to the University on 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864).
To apply for sporting scholarship/membership to the Elite Athlete Program, please follow the procedures below.

**Key dates**

There are two on-time scholarship application periods each year. Please apply in the period relevant to your sport.

Late fees apply to applications received outside of the on-time application periods.

**Athletics, Cricket and Water Polo**

On-time applications and re-applications:

- OPEN on the first Monday in May
- CLOSE on 31 May

**All Other Sports**

On-time applications and re-applications:

- OPEN on the first Monday of September
- CLOSE (Re-applications) on 31 October
- CLOSE (New applications) on the third Sunday in January

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**Step 1**

Visit [www.susf.com.au](http://www.susf.com.au) and follow links to the Elite Athlete Program

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**Step 2**

Click on Applications and follow the instructions provided to complete and submit an online application.
The Elite Athlete Program is able to assist Sydney University student athletes in their pursuit of excellence in sport and tertiary studies due to the tremendous generosity of The University of Sydney and several sporting scholarship donors, sponsors and partners. Current benefactors are listed on the back cover of this Information Booklet.

Help us ensure that excellence in sport and tertiary studies remains achievable for Sydney University’s athletes and sporting clubs.

OUR GOAL: $5M BY 2025.

To donate, or learn more about how you can lend a hand, please visit our website or contact:
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