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ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM

Supporting Australia's current and future sporting champions



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The University of Melbourne, home to some of Australia's oldest sporting programs, invites elite athletes from around the country to continue their study and their sport at one of the world's premier universities.

The University of Melbourne has a long and proud tradition of supporting student-athletes in their sporting and academic pursuits. For more than 150 years, students have combined study and sport as part of the Melbourne Experience.

Elite athletes from the University have competed at over 150 events at the Olympic Games, and student-athletes and sporting alumni continually represent Australia in a variety of sporting teams each and every year.

WHAT IS OFFERED

As a member of the Australian Sports Commission's Elite Athlete Friendly University Network (EAFU), the University supports elite athletes via its **Elite Athlete Entry Scheme** and **Elite Athlete and Performers Policy**.

In addition, Melbourne University Sport offers **Sport Scholarships** which provides both new and continuing student-athletes with financial and/or in-kind support, with the aim of assisting these students to reach their sporting potential whilst studying at the University of Melbourne.

Sporting Exchange provides elite athletes with the opportunity to continue their study and elite-level sport abroad, tapping into the partnerships and support structures the University has with similar tertiary institutions around the globe.



What is the ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM?

THE ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM AIMS TO:

- Recognise that elite sporting activity can impact on a student-athlete's ability to reach their academic potential
- Support elite and emerging athletes in achieving academic success, such that their vocational transition after sport is seamless
- Develop University of Melbourne Sporting clubs through the support of elite and emerging athletes
- Connect athletes with a life-long affinity to the University community
- Develop leaders and role models on, and beyond, the sporting field.

THE ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM FUNCTIONS BY:

- Recognising elite athletes and supporting them with flexible study arrangements
- Supporting elite athletes and emerging athletes with a range of financial and in-kind assistance with their studies and sporting endeavours.



“Melbourne University's Elite Athlete Program has helped me balance my sporting aspirations with my goal of graduating with a Science degree from one of the world's leading universities. The University's flexible study arrangements have certainly made it easier for me to row for Australia at World Championships and the Olympics.”

- PHOEBE STANLEY
AUSTRALIAN ROWER AND OLYMPIAN

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SERVICES

1. ELITE ATHLETE ENTRY SCHEME

The Elite Athlete Entry Scheme assists applicants who can demonstrate that their Year 12 (or undergraduate studies for postgraduate applications) has been impacted by elite level training, competition or performance.

Applicants for admission to undergraduate studies may be considered for a positive ATAR aggregate adjustment of either 4 or 6 points based upon the assessed impact of their elite activity.

Applications for admission to graduate studies will have their circumstances considered by the relevant selection committee.

ELITE ATHLETES WILL GENERALLY BE A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COHORTS:

- Australian Institute of Sport Scholarship holder
- National or state team/squad member for an Australian Sports Commission recognised sport
- Victorian Institute of Sport (or other state institute or academy) Scholarship holder
- Professional Player's Association active member (Australian Athletes' Alliance sports)

2. FLEXIBLE STUDY ARRANGEMENTS

The Elite Athlete and Performers' Policy provides flexible study arrangements for recognised elite athletes, who due to their sporting endeavours, have extensive, yet inflexible, commitments that may interfere with their study.

SPECIAL STUDY ARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Alternative examination arrangements
- Renegotiated assessment deadlines
- Timetable planning assistance
- Class attendance flexibility
- Deferment and leave of absence discretion
- Cross-institutional study assistance

3. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Sport Scholarship financial support assists elite and emerging athletes with sport-related costs such as coaching, equipment and domestic travel. Financial support may also be provided to assist in representing the University at endorsed competitions nationally and internationally.

Support may also include financial contributions from club-specific scholarships.

4. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS

Additional financial assistance of \$1,000 may be available to elite athletes selected to a national team for an international competition outside of Australia.

5. ACADEMIC COUNSELLING AND TUTORING

Academic advice and course planning is available to elite and emerging athletes. Tutoring and study groups can also be facilitated.

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6. PHYSIOTHERAPY & MASSAGE SERVICES

Physiotherapy and massage services may be provided to elite and emerging athletes, and are offered on campus by Melbourne University Sport's health services partner Vigor Sports Medicine.

7. STRENGTH & CONDITIONING ADVICE

Strength and conditioning support and fitness testing is provided to all elite and emerging athletes via Melbourne University Sport's network of fitness instructors. Specialised advice and laboratory testing is also available to elite athletes from Melbourne University Sport's exercise physiology staff.

8. AQUATIC, FITNESS & SPORTS FACILITY ACCESS

Unlimited access to Melbourne University Sport's facilities is provided to elite and emerging athletes to the:

- Athletic Track
- Beaurepaire Centre (Aquatic and Fitness Centre)
- Sports Centre (Group Fitness Classes)

Facility-specific access may also be provided to the Boat Club on the Yarra River; Baseball/ Cricket Training Centre; Sports Centre (Indoor Stadiums); Squash Courts; Synthetic Hockey Field; and Tennis Courts.

9. INTERCHANGE – INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Interchange is operated in conjunction with The University of Melbourne's Global Mobility Study Abroad and Exchange.

Interchange provides elite athletes with the opportunity to continue their study and elite-level sport abroad, tapping into the partnerships and support structures the University has with similar tertiary institutions around the globe.

Interchange is available for inbound and outbound elite athletes.

10. MENTORING WITH ELITE ATHLETES & PROMINENT ALUMNI

Athletes have the opportunity to network with former athletes and scholarship holders who have successfully combined the rigors of elite sport and study.

The University's extensive alumni network also provides an important conduit to the business world and wider community beyond academia.



How to APPLY

Applications for elite athlete recognition and emerging athlete support for existing sport scholars and new applicants open in early November each year.

Existing sport scholars should submit their application by the second Friday in December.

New applications close the last Friday in January. Year 12 school leavers are requested to wait for an offer from The University of Melbourne before submitting their application.

STEP 1:

Visit sport.unimelb.edu.au/EliteAthlete for the most current requirements and application information.

STEP 2:

Follow the online instructions to complete and submit the Elite Athlete and Sport Scholarship application.

IMPORTANT!

Elite Athlete and Performer Entry Scheme Applications must be submitted separately on the relevant application forms and by the due date (usually in the first week of December).



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