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# **University of Brighton Sports Scholarship Scheme Application Pack**

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# Elite Athlete Squad

The University of Brighton is committed to the development of sporting excellence amongst its students. To demonstrate this, the University has allocated resources towards the development of a Sports Scholarship Scheme. The Scheme is designed to help students develop their full sporting potential by giving the necessary flexibility and support required to train and compete at the highest level whilst achieving an academic qualification.

## Elite Athlete Squad Scholarships and Elite Disability Athlete Sports Scholarships

### Who Should Apply?

- Elite Athlete Squad members are athletes who have reached junior or senior national level of competition or performance and have the potential and dedication to reach world class potential or performance level (or equivalent) in their sport.
- Elite Athlete Squad members are athletes who have fulfilled the normal academic requirements for entry and are enrolled on a University of Brighton course.
- Elite Athlete Squad members are athletes who will make satisfactory progress in both their sporting and academic standard to have their Scholarship renewed annually.

### Benefits of the Elite Athlete Squad

- Elite Athlete Squad members will be awarded a bursary of up to £1000 per year of study (4 years pro rata max - if appropriate).
- Elite Athlete Squad members will have free access to sports science support by a team of BASES accredited, highly qualified and experienced staff. Sports Science support aims to help athletes enhance performance and achieve their potential through applying scientific principles to training and the evaluation of performance. Working with you, your coach, your mentor and your governing body we will support you through your time at the University of Brighton. Depending on your needs, this may involve fitness monitoring and training advice, lifestyle management, nutritional guidance, help on goal setting and self evaluation or technique analysis. It may involve lab based testing, field based testing or planning your sporting calendar to encompass training, competition and academic work. The Sports Science team will help you optimise your performance whilst allowing you to carry out an undergraduate degree.
- Elite Athlete Squad members that are not already funded via their governing body will have reduced rate access to sports medicine. Sportwise, the Sussex Centre for Sport and Exercise Medicine, is located within the University of Brighton. Headed by Dr NickWebborn (Chief Paralympics doctor, London Olympics) the highly qualified Sportwise team can provide state of the art medical support and quick referrals.
- Elite Athlete Squad members have free access to University sport facilities.
- Elite Athlete Squad members will be appointed a sports/ academic mentor to help with lifestyle management and the balance between academic life and sporting commitments.
- Elite Athlete Squad members will have access to an extensive partnership network including direct links with Sport England / NGB Development Officers/ Sports Coach UK / EIS network centre / local and regional sports providers.
- Elite Athlete Squad members will have access to University of Brighton sports coaches where available in their sport.
- Elite Athlete Squad members will have loan of/access to a stock of laptop computers to assist with academic commitments when on training camps (subject to availability.)

Dear Athlete

Thank you for your interest in the University of Brighton Sport Scholarship Scheme. Please find enclosed an information pack which outlines the opportunities available at the University.

Please read the information carefully, and if you are interested in applying for one of the Scholarship packages complete the enclosed application form and send it back to us.

Our facilities are more suited to some events than others and we therefore request that you contact us to confirm your requirements before application.

A sporting reference is required to support your application. I ask that you give this careful consideration as it will be this testimony, and the details on the application, that are submitted to the Eligibility Panel to determine the level of support that the University of Brighton will give you.

If you require any assistance or clarification of Sport Scholarship details, or information about academic courses that you may be interested in studying in conjunction with training for your sport, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The University of Brighton has a strong tradition of supporting student sport and talented sports performers. We hope we can be of assistance to you.

Yours in sport

Sarah Hogg  
Director of Sport and Recreation

# Talented Sports Performers Squad

The University of Brighton is committed to the development of sporting excellence amongst its students. To demonstrate this, the University has allocated resources towards supporting talented athletes. The Scheme is designed to help students develop their full sporting potential by giving the necessary flexibility and support required to train and compete at the highest level whilst achieving an academic qualification. Acceptance into the TSP Squad is for one academic year only. Renewal of membership is available at the end of each year.

## Who Should Apply?

- Talented Sports Performer Squad members are athletes who have represented their sport at national level or regional level, or are sports performers who can demonstrate that they have the potential to compete at these levels. Please note county level is not a sufficient standard for this award.
- Talented Sports Performer Squad members are athletes who have fulfilled the normal academic requirements for entry and are enrolled on a University of Brighton course.

## Benefits of the Talented Sports Performer Squad

- Talented Sports Performer Squad members can apply for financial assistance up to a maximum of £500 per academic year. The amount awarded is dependent on standard of performance and demands on the fund in any financial year
- The financial assistance will fund expenses arising from training and taking part in lead up events prior to major championships, and also any fees incurred when competing at championships for which performers do not receive other funding from national governing bodies of sport.
- Talented Sports Performer Squad members will have access to sports science support by a team of BASES accredited, highly qualified and experienced staff. Sports Science support aims to help athletes enhance performance and achieve their potential through applying scientific principles to training and the evaluation of performance. Talented Sports Performer Squad members will receive sports science support through a series of workshops. These workshops will provide information on nutrition, fitness training, technique analysis and sports psychology.
- Talented Sports Performer Squad members have free access to University sport facilities.
- Talented Sports Performer Squad members can request access to a sports/ academic mentor to help with lifestyle management and the balance between academic life and sporting commitments.
- Talented Sports Performer Squad members will have access to an extensive partnership network including direct links with Sport England / NGB Development Officers / EIS satellite centre / sports coach UK / local and regional sports providers.
- Talented Sports Performer Squad members will have access to University of Brighton sports coaches where available in their sport.

# Further Information

## What the University of Brighton asks in Return

- We ask that you represent the University of Brighton where possible. This involvement can range from being a sporting ambassador for the University, to giving coaching clinics in your sport, to being a member of a University sports team or representation at a specific competition. The University of Brighton is keen to advance its ranking in the national British University & Colleges Sports (BUCS) leagues. University sport can also provide access to high level national and international competition through BUCS / FISU and the World Student Games.
- We ask that you represent the University of Brighton to existing and potential sponsors of the Sport Scholarship Scheme
- We ask that you provide help in promoting the sporting profile of the University of Brighton including appearance in photographs, information for articles and press releases, and other pertinent promotional activities as agreed.
- We ask that you allow us to use information of the University of Brighton award of a Sports Scholarship to you after you have graduated.
- We ask that you assist the University of Brighton in the promotion of the University as a location for sporting excellence and a provider of support services for sports people.
- We ask that you take part in squad photographic sessions
- We ask that you support any squad group meetings, seminars and workshops
- We ask that you fulfil all agreed academic and sport scholarship related requirements and expectations.

For Elite Athlete Scholarships:

- We ask that you provide interim and annual progress reports and that you attend an annual renewal of Scholarship meeting.

## How to apply

- Applications for a sports scholarship should be made through the online application form found on our website.
- All first applications must be received before 30th June in the year in which you intend to start your degree. TSP applications will be considered throughout the academic year.
- A sporting reference from your Coach / National Governing Body is required, and should be included in your application.
- An Eligibility Panel will meet in July to short-list applications and award Scholarships
- Notification of the Panels' decision will be sent in writing in the first week in August.
- Applications for TSP status after the 30th June will be notified within 3 weeks of submitting your application.
- If successful, you will be sent an agreement form/ contract prior to the start of the academic year in which you intend to start your course at the University of Brighton.
- If your decision to enrol on a University of Brighton course is dependent on acceptance onto the Sports Scholarship Scheme, you will be asked to notify us of the course you intend to follow and the status of your application.
- Sports Scholarship offers are only valid for the year that the application was made. Failure to enrol on a course will make any Scholarship offer null and void.
- Selection for the Sports Scholarship will be based on current and past performance, commitment and determination to succeed as well as maintenance of academic standards. Please ensure you highlight your ability to achieve this in the application form.
- The University of Brighton requires notification of any current contracts with Clubs or sponsors. This is to ensure that involvement in the University of Brighton Sport Scholarship Scheme does not jeopardise other agreements.



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To apply visit:

[www.brighton.ac.uk/sportbrighton/scholarship](http://www.brighton.ac.uk/sportbrighton/scholarship)

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