For over a century, excellence in sport has been integral to the rich and diverse fabric of Sydney University. Assisting elite athletes who strive for brilliance in academia and sport is a key factor of this success.

Since 1990, alongside The University of Sydney and Sydney University sports clubs, Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness’ Elite Athlete Program has provided leading support and services to elite and talented Sydney University elite athletes.

It can be challenging pursuing excellence in tertiary studies and sport simultaneously. The right assistance and encouragement is crucial. Through a comprehensive suite of benefits and services, alongside the help of skilled and dedicated staff, Elite Athlete Program members are well-supported in finding the ideal balance to realise their potential.

If you are an elite athlete who wants to join the proud and distinguished group of Sydney University athletes who have graduated as leaders both on and off the sporting field, then look no further than Sydney University and the Elite Athlete Program.
Gina Ricardo (Bachelor of Commerce)
“I studied a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Marketing and International Business. My degree was a short and sweet 3 years, the highlight being the 3 months I spend at UCLA in California on exchange and racing for their Cycling team. I’m a massive fan of the EAP and the team behind it. Without EAP I wouldn’t have been able to do the racing that I’ve done over the past few years. Being able to take the time off uni to travel, the financial support, the tutoring, gym use... it’s all helped significantly along the way. I’ve landed my dream job at a cycling company that is supportive of my training and racing goals. Now that I have finished my degree I am starting work in a graduate role at a management consultancy in Sydney.”

Alice Keighley (Bachelor of Science - Advanced)
“I began my studies at the University of Sydney in 2012. Last year, I completed my Bachelor of Science (Advanced) with majors in Physiology and Modern Greek. Throughout my time at University, I competed in 6 international championships, 3 national tournaments and 2 Australian University Games. Had it not been for the extensive support provided by the EAP, none of this would have been possible. I had access to a number of services which enabled me to accomplish my sporting and academic goals. More importantly, I felt genuinely supported and encouraged by the EAP staff, for which I am very grateful. In 2015, I will be commencing my medical degree at the University of Wollongong and continuing my training in preparation for the 2016 Beach Handball World Championships.”

Chris Friend (Bachelor of Commerce)
“I started my Bachelor of Commerce at Sydney Uni in 2012 and joined the EAP for surfing in my first year of studies, giving me access to the world class facilities of the Arena Sports Centre - in particular training with S&C coach Tim Leahy and sports psychologist Paul Penna. This opportunity was huge for me, providing a level of professional sporting support I hadn’t experienced before. I was able to achieve my career best results at the Burton Toyota Pro at Newcastle and reach the top 50 in the ASP Pro Tour World Ranking. The EAP benefited my surfing and also provided the flexibility to excel in the academic arena where I was able to maintain my goal of distinction average throughout my degree. Now that I have finished my degree I am starting work in a graduate role at a management consultancy in Sydney.”

AIMS OF THE ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM

- Provide excellent support and services to elite athletes to assist them in their concurrent pursuit of academic and sporting goals;
- Encourage elite athletes to achieve outstanding academic results to facilitate an alternative vocation after their sporting career has finished; and
- Assist in the promotion and development of Sydney University sports clubs through the attraction of elite athletes.
Elite Athlete Program members (also referred to as SUSF scholarship holders) may receive:

Financial Assistance
The commitments associated with studying, training, competing, traveling and working leaves little free time. Financial assistance from $1,000 may be provided to help with covering expenses related to studying (e.g. tuition fees and textbooks) and sport (e.g. sporting equipment and health insurance). Financial assistance offered by SUSF may, in some instances, be 'topped-up' by scholarship partners such as Sydney University residential colleges and The University of Sydney Business School.

International Travel Grants
Financial assistance of up to $1,500 may be provided to help students of The University of Sydney with covering costs (e.g. accommodation, air fares and registrations fees) when they are selected to represent Australia or the University and are subsequently required to travel overseas for competition.

Academic Advice & Advocacy
Student athletes need to be well-informed and carefully organised to effectively balance the demands on their time. Elite Athlete Program staff, in conjunction with University academic and administrative staff, work closely with SUSF scholarship holders, providing knowledgeable advice across several areas such as study and career direction, effective study skills and degree and subject choice. Importantly, where necessary, members receive guidance and representation for when they require flexibility with regard to university attendance and assessment tasks which may be adversely impacted by their sporting commitments.

Private Tutoring
Complimentary* private tutoring across a broad range of subjects is available on a request basis to SUSF scholarship holders. This service is most useful for those who are experiencing difficulties with understanding unit of study content or have missed lectures and/or tutorials due to sporting commitments.

SUSF Facilities
Members are provided with complimentary access to a range of SUSF facilities including cardio and weights at Arena Sports Centre and the indoor 50m Olympic pool at the University Sports & Aquatic Centre. Access to SUSF’s sport-specific facilities may be provided on a request basis where relevant. Additionally, SUSF scholarship holders may receive limited access to group fitness classes during recovery from injury*.

High Performance Services
By request, a professional Strength & Conditioning service is available to SUSF scholarship holders; providing fitness testing, assessments and personalised training programs. Members can also access the services of qualified Sports Dietician, Susie Burrell, and Sports Performance Psychologist, Paul Penna.

Discounted Rates on Sports Medicine Services
At The Sports Clinic located on the University’s main campus, SUSF scholarship holders may access a range of services at student rates including physiotherapy, podiatry, remedial massage and acupuncture.

* Conditions apply.
Am I eligible for a SUSF scholarship/membership to the Elite Athlete Program?
To be eligible, successful candidates must meet the following two main criteria (amongst others):
• Currently undertaking tertiary studies (preferably at Sydney University) and
• Representing relevant Sydney University sports club (where possible).

What will I receive with my SUSF scholarship?
All SUSF scholarship holders are able to access the benefits and services of the Elite Athlete Program as outlined in this publication except for financial assistance and international travel grants. Financial assistance is provided on a variable basis depending on a candidate’s sporting and academic achievements.

1. Members who receive access to all benefits and services of the Elite Athlete Program, except for financial assistance, are said to be the recipients of a Talented-Level scholarship
2. Those who receive access to all benefits and services, as well as financial assistance, are said to be the recipients of an Elite-level scholarship.

Current students of Sydney University, regardless of membership of the Elite Athlete Program, may apply for international travel grants, however approval is not guaranteed and grants provided are variable.

How is financial assistance managed?
Financial assistance provided to recipients of Elite-level scholarships should be used to help cover expenses related directly to studying and sport. Financial assistance is usually paid in two equal instalments per annum on the timely reception of relevant receipts and pending a mid-year review of academic and sporting performance.

When do applications close and when do I find out if my application was successful?
• SUSF scholarships are usually awarded on an annual basis either on a calendar or financial-year basis depending on your sport.
• New scholarship applicants who wish to be considered for support in university semester 1 and/or the calendar-year must apply by early January the following year. We will endeavour to notify all new and returning applicants of the outcome of their application by mid-February.
• Scholarships for athletics, water polo, rowing, swimming and cricket are usually based on the financial year, but school-leavers may be considered for support in University semester 1 in certain circumstances. New and returning applicants for financial-year support must apply by the end of May, with outcomes released around mid to late June.

The University offers a special entry scheme to assist with gaining admission to study. It is available for domestic undergraduate applicants who:
• Can demonstrate that they are elite athletes or performers and
• Have had training, competitive and/or practice commitments in year 11 and 12 which have significantly affected their academic/HSC (or equivalent) results

Approval under the Elite Athlete & Performers Scheme may mean gaining admission into a course with an ATAR of up to five points below the regular cut-off. The concession provided may be less than five points for competitive courses and certain courses do not offer any concession under this scheme.

For all enquiries regarding the University’s Elite Athlete & Performers Scheme and to apply, please contact the University’s Admission Office on 8627 8210 or send an email to admissions.office@sydney.edu.au.
To apply for a SUSF scholarship/membership to the Elite Athlete Program, please follow the procedures below:

STEP 1
Visit www.susf.com.au and follow links to the Elite Athlete Program

STEP 2
Click on 2016 Applications in the left-hand side navigation panel and then follow the instructions to complete and submit an online application

KEY DATES

2015/16 Financial Year Scholarships (Athletics, water polo, rowing, swimming and cricket only)
- Applications and re-applications OPEN Monday 4 May 2015
- Applications and re-applications CLOSE Sunday 31 May 2015

2016 Calendar year Scholarships
- Applications and re-applications OPEN Monday 7 September 2015
- Re-applications CLOSE Saturday 31 October 2015
- New applications CLOSE Sunday 17 January 2016

The Elite Athlete Program is able to support Sydney University athletes in their pursuit of excellence in sport and tertiary studies as a result of the tremendous generosity of The University of Sydney and several scholarship donors, sponsors and partners. These instrumental benefactors are listed on the back cover of this Information Booklet.

2015 marks the 25th year since the establishment of the Elite Athlete Program in 1990, when just three elite athletes were fortunate enough to receive assistance. It is only because of the vision and kindness of the University and our supporters that the Program has grown to support 400+ elite and talented athletes each year, thereby facilitating remarkable achievements of the Students in their sport and tertiary studies, their bright futures and the tradition of success of Sydney University in sport.

Your support, financially or otherwise, will go a long way in helping us to ensure that excellence in sport and tertiary studies remains achievable for Sydney University athletes and sporting clubs.

To donate or learn more about how you can lend a hand please contact: Corporate & Alumni Relations, Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness on 9351 7958.
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- Michelle Jenneke (Bachelor Engineering - Mechatronic),
- Lavinia Chrystal (Master of Management - CEMS),
- Tom Ayton (Doctor of Medicine)

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