



**ELITE  
ATHLETE  
PROGRAM**  
Sydney Uni  
SPORT & FITNESS

**ENTRY 2024**

**INFORMATION BOOKLET**



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 winners' circle. Since 1990, Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) has supported Sydney University's student athletes with sporting scholarships to enable them to excel in their sport and studies.

Pursuing excellence in sport and studies simultaneously can be especially challenging. However, with access to the comprehensive benefits and services of the Elite Athlete Program through a sporting scholarship, you CAN realise your potential.

**WANT TO JOIN A DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF GRADUATES, WHO ARE LEADERS BOTH ON AND OFF THE SPORTING FIELD?**

**THEN YOU NEED TO BE WITH SYDNEY UNIVERSITY.**

## SYDNEY UNIVERSITY'S BEST

### CLARE HUNT

**Soccer**  
B. Science

### TARA RIGNEY

**Rowing**  
B. Commerce and B. Advanced Studies

### ROHAN BROWNING

**Athletics**  
B. Arts and B. Laws

### CARLA PITMAN

**Basketball**  
B. Liberal Arts and Science

### BELINDA JI

**Golf**  
B. Commerce and B. Advanced Studies

### RAE ANDERSON

**Para Football**  
B. Arts

### DANIEL BOTHA

**Rugby**  
B. Commerce

### HUGH MCADAM

**Snow Sports**  
B. Engineering Honours and B. Commerce





## RUGBY | BACHELOR OF ARTS & BACHELOR OF ADVANCED STUDIES

“Throughout my professional playing career in Rugby Union the EAP has supplied resources and tools that have excelled both my study and professional playing career. Through this support mechanism I have been able to strive for excellence both in my academic goals and personal development. Through constant training, games and commitments, the EAP has allowed the opportunity to pursue both my passions and personal goals. Most importantly, the Program has acted as an unbelievable confidence builder and family throughout my career. Through financial support and strong personalised support, the ability to excel and achieve goals in my early career wouldn’t have been possible without the EAP and its family. This Program in the year 2019 was critical for my study and my ability to balance my multiple commitments. To this day they provide me with the best platform to achieve and thrive towards my goals both on and off the field.”



## TENNIS | BACHELOR OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE

“I am fortunate to have a very supportive network around me - my family, coaches, and Sydney University. As I currently play and travel full time for tennis while studying, it can be challenging at times to complete tasks due to the busy tennis schedule and managing the different time zones – At times, I’ve had to wake up in the early hours of the morning for tutorials. I am very grateful to have the support of Sydney University staff who assisted transition into university life during my first year.”



## ATHLETICS | DOCTOR OF MEDICINE

“Sydney University and the EAP have been absolutely crucial to my success over the last 3 years. They have been pivotal in discussions with the Sydney Medical Program, advocating for me and allowing me to travel to the Tokyo Olympics, Birmingham Commonwealth Games, and more during the busy academic schedule. I’ve felt supported and appreciated through close connections with the EAP staff and also relished the competitive, fun, and often hilarious team at Sydney University Athletics Club. The financial support offered by the EAP allowed me to experience travel and competition that I otherwise wouldn’t have been able to, such as the Diamond League meets in Europe this season. I’m so proud and grateful to be competing for Sydney Uni wherever I am in the world, and getting the best of both worlds from academics and athletics.”



**OSCAR BEREGI**  
ROWING



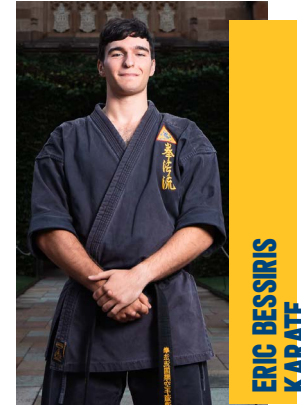
**JORDAN GAUCI**  
CRICKET



**ALEXANDRA KAYROUZ**  
BASKETBALL



**TOBY GOLDSCHMIDT**  
WATER POLO



**ERIC BESSIRIS**  
KARATE

## ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM MEMBERS MAY RECEIVE:

### Academic Advice & Advocacy

Our staff, in conjunction with university academic and administrative staff, can provide you with knowledgeable advice and guidance across several areas. These may include choosing the right degree and subjects, managing your study load and learning how to study effectively. Importantly, guidance and representation may be available when you need flexibility with university attendance and assessment tasks.

### Career Support

Our distinguished community of alumni, partners and friends can provide you with invaluable support to help build your careers. Internship/employment opportunities, mentoring and assistance with negotiating direction, are just a few ways in which you could benefit from this incredible support network.

### Tutoring

Complimentary tutoring is available across a broad range of subjects. This service is helpful if you are experiencing difficulties with grasping study content or have missed classes due to sporting commitments.

### Financial Assistance

Upwards of \$500 per semester (or \$1000 per year) may be awarded to help with covering your sport and study-related expenses (e.g. university tuition fees, textbooks and 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. Please see page 8 for further information.

### Wellbeing Services

We recognise that a high level of wellbeing is crucial to achieving excellence in both sport and study, and Elite Athlete Program members are encouraged to take advantage of a range of services and resources provided by Benestar to facilitate their holistic development.

### International Travel Grants

When you are a student of The University of Sydney and you are selected to represent Australia in recognised sporting competitions overseas, up to \$1,500 per year may be awarded to assist you with meeting the costs of international travel and competition.

### SUSF Facility Access

Access to a range of quality sporting facilities is provided on a complimentary basis. This includes high performance training facilities in the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand; the gym at the Arena Sports Centre; and the 50m indoor heated pool at the Sydney 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. Quiet study areas are also available at Arena Sports Centre.

### High Performance Services

To help you reach your athletic performance goals, you'll have access to professional and convenient high performance services including:

Strength and conditioning | Sports dietetics | Sports performance psychology.

### Discounted Rates on Sports Medicine Services and Therapies

At The Sports Clinic located in the Arena Sports Centre, you may receive concessions on often-needed services, such as physiotherapy, podiatry and acupuncture.

# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF SPORTING SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS?

Amongst other expectations, Elite Athlete Program members are required to:

- Undertake tertiary studies at The University of Sydney; and
- Represent Sydney University in their sport, where possible.

## 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.

## HOW LONG DOES A SPORTING SCHOLARSHIP RUN FOR?

Support is usually provided for one year at a time. Current members who wish to be considered for support in subsequent years must reapply each year.

## WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

See page 10 for application dates.

## HOW MUCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT WILL I RECEIVE?

How much money you may be awarded as part of your scholarship package will depend on a range of factors including, but not limited to, your recent sporting achievements and academic performance.

## HOW DO JOINT SCHOLARSHIPS WORK?

Partners of the Elite Athlete Program, such as The University of Sydney Business School and various residential colleges within The University of Sydney, may offer extra financial assistance to eligible sporting scholarship recipients. To be considered for such additional support, please ensure to advise us if you will be enrolling in a course administered by The University of Sydney Business School and/or whether you have applied to live in a residential college.

# Elite Athletes & Performers Scheme



Hayden Kerr | Cricket



Emily Chancellor | Rugby



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SYDNEY

Several admission pathways are offered by The University of Sydney to assist prospective students with gaining entry to their preferred course. The Elite Athletes & Performers Scheme (NOT to be confused with the Elite Athlete Program) may benefit elite athletes (domestic applicants only) whose sporting commitments adversely impacted their academic performance in their HSC (or equivalent) year. Successful applicants may be considered for admission to a course with an ATAR up to five (5) points below the guaranteed ATAR for that course.



### Important

Please note that applying for and/or receiving a sporting scholarship offer (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.**

For all enquires about the University's Elite Athletes & Performers Scheme, please visit:  
[www.sydney.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/admission-pathways.html](http://www.sydney.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/admission-pathways.html)

# APPLICATIONS

## HOW TO APPLY

### SPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS

- 1 Visit [www.susf.com.au](http://www.susf.com.au) and follow links to Scholarships
- 2 Click on **Applications**

## KEY DATES

### APPLICATIONS AND RE-APPLICATIONS

-  **Open 21 April 2023**  
**CLOSE 22 December 2023**

Application fees apply.

Applications received before 30 June and 30 September may be considered for early offers of scholarship. Otherwise, outcomes of scholarship applications will be communicated in late January/early February 2024.



# FIVE BY '25

Hannah Buckling **Water Polo**



A passion for sporting success is embedded in Australia's identity. Sports people are our heroes – we share their journeys and understand that becoming a champion is a full-time commitment.



Elite athletes concurrently pursuing tertiary studies face the unique challenge of managing intense training, competition and travel schedules alongside their demanding academic endeavours.



From international to intervarsity-level sport, Sydney University is well-represented in the winners' circle. Supporting our most promising student athletes with sporting scholarships and the Elite Athlete Program is fundamental to this success.



With your help, our goal is to raise \$5 million by 2025 to ensure that excellence in sport and tertiary studies remains achievable.

DONATE TODAY ONLINE [SUSF.COM.AU/SUPPORT-US/FIVE-BY-25/](http://SUSF.COM.AU/SUPPORT-US/FIVE-BY-25/)

Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness is tremendously grateful for the support of our strategic partners and sporting scholarship donors.

## STRATEGIC PARTNERS



## DONORS OF NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Adam Spencer Scholarship

Aleksandra Pozder Scholarship

Allan Kendall Scholarship

Blue and Gold Club Scholarships

Blues Association Scholarships

Brian Fitzpatrick Scholarship

Bruce Ross Scholarships

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BUPA Scholarships

Collins/Peasley Scholarship

CommBank Scholarship

Corlett Family Scholarship

David Chadwick Scholarship

David Hynes Scholarship

Dick Barnard Scholarship

Elsie Harris Scholarship

Enrizen Scholarship

Jenny Lawler Scholarship

Gavin Brown AO Scholarship

Harvey Gordon Scholarship

Ian White Scholarship

Jack Pross OAM Scholarship

Jane Spring Scholarship

Kaye Denning AM Scholarship

Michael Luciano Scholarship

Mick O'Sullivan Scholarship

Mollie Dive OAM Scholarships

Philip Rundle Scholarship

Ralph's Café/Panebianco Scholarship

Ray Hyslop OAM Scholarship

RC Mesley Scholarship

Richard W Quinn Scholarship

Robert Smithies Scholarship

Rodney Tubbs Scholarship

Ron and Jennie Finlay Scholarship

Ron Rushbrooke Scholarship

Ross Brown AM Scholarship

Tommy Woudwyk ProSource Scholarship

Warrick Segal Scholarship

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