

UQ SPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS AND ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM

2027



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2027 UQ Sporting Scholarships

The University of Queensland (UQ) offers exceptional opportunities for elite-level student-athletes to perform at their peak, while gaining a world-class education at a top-ranked global university.

New and continuing students who are academically gifted, and have demonstrated exceptional ability in their chosen sport, can soar to even greater heights with a UQ Sporting Scholarship.

Delivered by a dedicated team at the UQ Sport Elite Athlete Program, the UQ Sporting Scholarship program provides significant financial and academic assistance to student-athletes. Recipients also enjoy access to a wide range of professional services, and facilities at Queensland's largest multi-sport complex.

2026 Year in Review

46
Scholarships
awarded

26
Sports
Represented

Major partners



UQ Sports Achievement Scholarship

- Awarded to outstanding new and continuing students who have excelled in their chosen sport and academic studies
- \$3,000 - \$6,240 (2026 figures)
- One (1) year term
- Study Full-time or Part-time
- Applicants must demonstrate academic, leadership and elite level sporting achievements.

Alumni Friends Sports Scholarship

- Created to support students who are experiencing financial hardship and have demonstrated exceptional ability in their chosen recognised sport
- \$4,000 minimum
- One (1) year term
- Study Full-time or Part-time (in exceptional circumstances)
- Applicants must demonstrate evidence of financial hardship.

Matthew Levy OAM Future Paralympian Scholarship

- Created to attract new and continuing students with a disability who have demonstrated exceptional ability in their chosen sport
- The number of Scholarships awarded in a calendar year, and the value will be determined by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
- One (1) year term
- Applicants' sport must be from a recognised national sporting organisation for people with a disability.

Wensley Sporting Scholarship

- Created to encourage and support students with financial need that are competing at an Elite Level in a recognised sport
- \$4,500 minimum
- One (1) year term
- Study Full-time or Part-time (in exceptional circumstances)
- Applicants must demonstrate evidence of financial hardship.

Clem Jones Sporting Scholarship

- Awarded to high-achieving student-athletes with demonstrated financial need
- \$18,000
- Three (3) Year term
- Study Full-time or Part-time (in exceptional circumstances)
- Applicants must demonstrate evidence of financial hardship and must have at least three (3) years (full-time) remaining of their undergraduate program.

The Sports Achievement Scholarship makes it so much easier to stay on top of everything, especially when it comes to deferring exams and knowing exactly when they're scheduled. The Elite Athlete team take care of the organisation side, so if I've got a class in the morning, I can train in the afternoon and know my study is still covered.

Rohan Haydon-Smith

Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice,
Cycling



Support and Benefits

UQ Sporting Scholarship recipients enjoy an array of academic benefits, including flexible study options, priority class sign on, and special consideration for deferrals and extensions.

Guided by devoted Elite Athlete support staff, students can participate in personal development and athlete workshops, access career and employability support, and attend induction and networking events.

In addition, Scholarship athletes have opportunities to compete for UQ in national and intervarsity competitions, and can apply for up to \$1,500 Competition Subsidy funding per year to assist with out-of-pocket competition fees.

Get in early

Applications Open
4 August 2026

Applications Close
31 October 2026

Initial Scholarship Offers
January 2027

1300 755 293
uqsport.com.au/scholarships

Support for UQ Sporting Scholarship Athletes:



Free UQ Sport 12 Month
Total Access membership



Competition Subsidy for
out-of-pocket expenses



Student Athlete support
& Wellbeing Consults



Nutrition & Dietetic
Consultations



Strength and
Conditioning Services



Academic Liaison
and Advocacy



Sports Psychology
Services



Discounted
Physiotherapy

Please note: Scholarships programs and information may be subject to change. Refer to scholarships.uq.edu.au prior to applying to confirm information.

Elite Athlete Program

The University of Queensland is an endorsed member of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Elite Sport Education Network (ESEN). Endorsed members of the ESEN are committed to supporting eligible student-athletes balance elite sport with study.

The UQ Sport Elite Athlete Program supports around 300 elite-level students – including Olympic, Paralympic and professional athletes – that receive Elite Athlete Status from the University.

Elite Athlete Program Benefits

- Priority class sign on and timetable support
- Flexible study options (assessment & enrolment)
- Designated Elite Athlete support staff
- Free UQ Sport 12 Month Total Access membership
- Personal development workshops
- Athlete Networking events
- Competition subsidy for eligible out-of-pocket competition expenses
- Access to alternative assessment arrangements
- Deferred examinations.

Eligibility

To be eligible for Elite Athlete Status, students must be representing Australia or a State or Territory of Australia in a supported and recognised sport by Sport Australia. Students who fall outside of this definition may still apply however the decision will be at the Academic Registrars discretion.

Applications must include supporting documentation verifying current state or national representation and upcoming competitions in the semester period for which you're applying. Supporting documentation must be provided by a state or national sporting authority.

Supporting documentation must be in PDF format on an official letterhead, dated (within 30 days) and signed.



The Sports Achievement Scholarship has been a massive help, financially and otherwise. It gives me financial aid and access to the university's facilities, and UQ Sport has been amazing for helping me plan ahead, whether that's deferring exams or getting an extension on an assignment.

As a student athlete, there's barely time to pick up extra work on the side between an intense degree and training around the clock, so that support, financial and academic, really takes the weight off.

Tiarah Minns

Master of Physiotherapy Studies,
Rugby Union



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