

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY **SPORT SCHOLARSHIPS**



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The Victoria University Sport Scholarships and elite athlete support program is in place to assist outstanding VU athletes balance their studies with the demands of elite level sport and to assist emerging student athletes in their aim to perform at the elite sporting level. Sport Scholarships aim to assist student athletes with financial and in kind support with respect to competition and training fees, health and fitness, international travel and University representation.

2017 applications for select sport scholarships (listed below) are open.
Applications close Friday 11 August 2017.

Sport Scholarships are offered under the Elite Student Athlete program and through partnership with the Victoria University Advancement Office.

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

In 2017, the Victoria University Sport Scholarships include three categories:

ELITE HIGH PERFORMANCE

The University's peak sports scholarship awarded to one outstanding male and female student athlete. Available to one (1) male and one (1) female student.

Benefits

- Up to \$2000, in cash support
- Victoria University Aquatic and Fitness Centre annual membership (ScholarFit).
- Australian University Games (AUG) package cost waived (travel costs not included)
- Elite Athlete recognition enabling recipient to be considered for academic flexibility where training and competition (especially due to international travel) impacts on course attendance, enrolment status and /or assessment tasks.
- Access to VU health services (Massage and Osteopathy, clinics)

* International travel grant to offset costs for recognised major international sporting events.

EMERGING ELITE

These Scholarships recognise emerging student athletes who have demonstrated significant potential to reach elite levels. Available for two (2) male and two (2) female students.

Benefits

- Up to \$750, in cash support
- Victoria University Aquatic and Fitness Centre annual membership.
- AUG entry fee cost waived (accommodation and travel costs not included)
- Elite Athlete recognition
- Access to VU health services (Massage and Osteopathy, clinics)

* International travel grant to offset costs for recognised major international sporting events.

ASPIRING ELITE (EQUITY BASED)

These scholarships are for students meeting sport performance criteria prescribed for Emerging Elite and also recognises that people have different needs with some equity groups experiencing disadvantages that impact on their educational and sport development. These Scholarships are awarded to students who come from one or more of defined equity or personal disadvantage groups and who have the potential to reach the elite level in their sport. Equal scholarships provided to males and females, targeting new students with at least 70% drawn from the Western Suburbs of Melbourne. Available to six (6) students (minimum two (2) female).

Equity groups may include:

Indigenous Australian decent, Non- English speaking background, Challenging family circumstances, Financially disadvantaged, Regional or remote origin, Disability or medical condition.

Benefits

- Up to \$400, in cash support
- Victoria University Aquatic and Fitness Centre annual membership.
- AUG entry fee cost waived (accommodation and travel costs not included)
- Elite Athlete recognition
- Access to VU health services (Osetopathy, massage and nutrition clinics)

* International travel grant to offset costs for recognised major international sporting events.

* International Travel Grants

Eligible students athletes may apply for a grant to offset travel costs at major international events at any time throughout the year. Major international events are limited to Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, World Student Games and World Championships. Applications for these are open all year round, however grants are subject to the availability of funds.

WHO CAN APPLY

The Scholarships are open to all current (enrolled) Victoria University students.

How and when are nominations assessed?

The Scholarships Selection Panel is made up of members of the University and Alumni community, including Victoria University Sport Awards Committee members with staff representatives from Colleges and corporate areas.

The scholarships selection panel will consider applications based on the criteria outlined for each category. The application will be assessed between 12 June and 23 June 2017.

All decisions made by the scholarships selection panel are final. Submitting this nomination does not automatically mean that the nominee will be selected for a scholarship.

How are recipients advised of their scholarship?

Recipients will be advised in writing of the offer of a scholarship.

Confidentiality

Personal contact information included on nomination forms will remain confidential. Information will be handled in accordance with the Victoria University Privacy Policy. For further detail on this policy go to www.vu.edu.au/privacy

Closing date

Applications close 5pm (AEST) Friday 11 August 2017.

Submitting applications

Applications can be submitted by email to Victoria University Sport: sport@vu.edu.au or by post to PO Box 14428 MCMC Vic 8001.

Eligibility

To be eligible students should be:

- Participants in an Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), state or territory Institute or academy of sport program or relevant national association program.
- Consistent representative at National or International Sports Competitions.
- A currently enrolled student, or commenced and deferred, or taken intermission for the purposes of international representation.
- Involved in a non-professional sport as recognised by Victoria University Sport.

Conditions

In general scholarship recipients are required to:

- Maintain a successful academic record.
- Maintain their elite athlete status in terms training, competition and recognition by sporting bodies.
- Represent VU at Inter-University competitions, if applicable.
- Participate and or assist VU in their respective sport/discipline, if applicable.
- Promote and support Victoria University.

ELITE ATHLETE FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY

Victoria University is a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) Network endorsed by the Australian Sports Commission whose aim is to assist designated elite students athletes to effectively manage their sporting and academic commitments.

Eligible student athletes must be identified by one of the following organisations:

- Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)
- State Institutes or Academies of Sport (VIS)
- AFL Players Association
- Australian Cricketers' Association
- Rugby Union Players Association
- Rugby League Professionals' Association
- Australian Professional Footballers Association
- Alternatively, they must be a national squad member from Australian Sports Commission funded sports.

If an athlete falls outside of these organisations, they may submit an application for consideration, to the University.

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Please tick the Scholarship category that you are applying for, please note you are able to apply to be considered in more than one category however cannot be awarded in more than one category in any given year.

ELITE HIGH PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP

The Elite High Performance Scholarships are the University's Peak sporting scholarships awarded to one (1) outstanding male and one (1) outstanding female student athlete.

Selection Criteria:

- National squad member or equivalent (AIS) or
- Consistent international representation in open teams and individual sports competition
- Top 5 national open ranking for individual sports in year of application.

EMERGING ELITE SCHOLARSHIP

The Emerging Elite Scholarships are for emerging student-athletes demonstrating significant potential to reach elite levels. Available for two (2) males and two (2) females.

Selection Criteria:

- National aged squad member or equivalent (AIS).
- State squad aged or open member or equivalent (VIS).
- Top 10 national ranking age or open competition for individual sports in year of application.
- Finalist at age or open competition.

ASPIRING ELITE (EQUITY BASED)

These Scholarships are awarded to students who come from one or more defined equity or personal disadvantage groups and who have the potential to reach the elite level in their sport as per emerging elite category. Equal scholarships are provided to males and females, targeting new students with at least 70% drawn from the Western Suburbs of Melbourne. Available to six (6) students (minimum two (2) female)

Selection Criteria:

- National aged squad member or equivalent (AIS).
- State squad aged or open member or equivalent (VIS).
- Top 10 national ranking age or open competition for individual sports in year of application.
- Finalist at age or open competition.

Equity groups may include:

Indigenous Australian decent, Non- English speaking background, Challenging family circumstances, Financially disadvantaged, Regional or remote origin, Disability or medical condition.

APPLICANTS PERSONAL AND CONTACT DETAILS

Title:

First name:

Last name:

D.O.B:

Phone number:

Mobile number:

Address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

Email address:

VU Student ID:

Name of Victoria University course:

Course code:

Your sport

Sport:

Position/event:

Your aims

What are your sporting and academic aims? Include the support that would help you achieve them.

Your sporting achievements 2016 and 2017

Your Best Sporting achievements, personal bests, rankings, tournaments etc.
(attach extra page if necessary)

Other supporting evidence

For equity based category (equity groups may include indigenous Australian decent, non- english speaking background, challenging family circumstances, financially disadvantaged, regional or remote origin, disability or medical condition) please identify your circumstances and state your case.

Please attach copies

Please attach copies of the following documents (DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS)

- One action photo AND one 1 portrait photo – JPG image preferred

- One written sporting reference (eg coach, sport governing body)

- Documented evidence of state, national rankings and results



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