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Elite Athlete Pathways

A guide to university pathways and study for elite athletes



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Applying to university

STUDY AND COMPETE

Your dedication to your sport doesn't mean you need to give up on your university dreams. Lots of universities will recognise your commitment and offer alternative entry pathways, flexible study arrangements, and financial support for elite athletes.

APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY

The Tertiary Admissions Centres (such as UAC or VTAC) process the vast majority of university applications in Australia. Some unis only accept direct applications, meaning you can't apply through a TAC, while others accept both types of applications.

Elite athletes still need to follow the same standard application process as any other student. This means that things like application dates, fees, and standard uni policies and procedures still apply.

You are responsible for ensuring your applications are submitted on time, that you respond to your offer by the cut-off date, and that you enrol in your subjects before census dates each semester.

ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAMS

Not only will you apply through the normal pathway, you'll also need to submit an additional application to the university's Elite Athlete Program (EAP).

In some cases you can apply as a prospective student - in others, you will need to be accepted for study first and then apply for the EAP in your first semester.

EAPs often have separate application cut-off dates than regular applications, so if there's a university you're interested in, check their application dates and processes carefully to make sure you don't miss out.

Most universities require you to reapply for the EAP at certain intervals to ensure you are still playing or competing at an elite level. So if you want to keep enjoying the benefits of an EAP, you will need to take the initiative to ensure you still meet the eligibility criteria and reapply, as you won't be automatically considered for reentry.

See more about the benefits of EAPs on the next page.



Elite athlete programs

Universities understand that being an elite athlete means you might have experienced some disruption to your schooling. Because of this, they usually offer alternative entry, adjustment points, and other bonuses for elite athletes to ensure you don't miss out on a place. These bonuses are usually offered through a comprehensive program referred to as an Elite Athlete Program (EAP).

FLEXIBLE STUDY

The biggest benefit of EAPs is that they allow you to tailor your study to fit your sporting commitments. Read more about this on the next page.

ADJUSTMENT FACTORS

Many universities offer adjustment factors for elite athletes, recognising your commitment to your chosen sport and helping you get into your dream course.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

EAPs are open to “people who are identified and recognised by, or are a member of, one of the following organisations as an ‘elite athlete’ or ‘elite coach.’”

You will need to provide a letter of support to prove your status as an elite or emerging athlete. It must include a statement from the national or state officiating body of your sport confirming your participation at an elite level. This letter should be provided on an official letterhead and contain contact details for your referee (e.g. a coach or AW&E Manager).

DON'T MISS OUT

Assessment processes for EAPs are **not** automatic. You will need to manually apply before or during enrolment, so be proactive and know what documents you'll need beforehand instead of leaving it to the last minute.



Flexible study

As an elite athlete, it's likely you'll have significant commitments outside of your studies. This can include things like travelling to compete, participating in training, and maintaining your health and fitness. Thankfully, universities recognise this, and can often put in place flexible study arrangements to help you fit your studies around your sporting commitments.

EARLY CLASS SELECTION

Universities often schedule multiple classes for different subjects. As an elite athlete, you might get priority when selecting your classes to ensure you can create a timetable that works for you.

FLEXIBLE DELIVERY

Universities will often allow you to switch between attending classes on-campus and online, depending on what suits you better at any given time. You might be able to take classes during the Summer/Winter semesters instead of during the normal calendar. Or you may also be able to tailor your study load to suit your sporting commitments.

DEFERRED ASSESSMENT

If your assignment and exam dates don't line up well with your sporting commitments, universities will often allow you to defer your assessment to a later date. You may even be able to negotiate a different assessment timetable at the beginning of each semester.

TAKING TIME OFF

Sometimes you might need to take an extended period of time off from your studies, and that's OK too. Universities can help you to work out how to make up this lost time without being penalised.



YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Universities are willing to be flexible, but you still need to show that you're committed to your studies in return. Ensure you plan ahead well in advance and let your lecturers or course director know when you'll be away, if you need extensions for your assessment, and ask for help before things get out of hand. Just like any other student, you may face penalties for not handing in assessment, not turning up to class when you're available, or failing multiple subjects.

How to apply



STEP 1 - APPLY FOR YOUR COURSE

Apply for your chosen university course, either through a TAC, early entry program, or direct.

STEP 2 - GATHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Gather any necessary supporting documentation, such as a letter of support from your NSO, recent competition results, and upcoming training and competition schedules.

STEP 3 - APPLY FOR THE EAP

Apply for the EAP, either as a prospective student or once you're enrolled in your first subject, and wait to receive a reply.

TIMELINE

While specific dates change each year, here is a general timeline for uni and EAP applications.

Early August	○	TAC applications open
September	○	EAPs open for applications
November/December	○	EAP applications close
Mid December	○	ATAR results released
Late December	○	First round university offers released
Late Jan/Early Feb	○	TAC applications close

NEED HELP?

If you need some help gathering supporting documents or building your sporting resume, you can contact ProfessionalDevelopment@ausport.gov.au for help.

Scholarships for elite athletes

Many universities offer special scholarships to support elite athletes. They may subsidise your study fees, provide accommodation support, or even provide access to special training facilities, health and wellbeing programs, or mentors.

Scholarships are debt free, so unlike a loan, you will not have to pay back any money. You might receive the award as a one-off payment, or as smaller amounts over a period of time, e.g. annually or each semester

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

These days, most scholarship applications are submitted online, usually directly to the university or institution offering the scholarship. In some cases, you'll need to email an application to a specific person - make sure you check the application details carefully so you know you're sending it to the right place.

Some Elite Athlete Programs have scholarships included as part of the program, so you might not even need to make a separate application, while for others you'll need to submit individual scholarship applications manually. If you want a scholarship, make sure you check the application details carefully so you don't miss out.



SPOTLIGHT SCHOLARSHIP

QUT Elite Sport Scholarship

Value: \$10,000 over 2 years

QUT are proud to support developing and elite athletes across a wide range of sports by offering sport scholarships annually for both new and existing students.

[Apply here.](#)

Extra consideration

Just like other students, elite athletes of all levels and backgrounds may also be able to access additional help and services, either through the university's EAP or other accessibility and inclusion programs.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

If you are a para-athlete, all of the benefits and support offered through an EAP apply to you as well. Universities also offer many other accessibility services to students with a disability, including study support, access to assistive technology, and other reasonable adjustments based on your needs.

RURAL AND REGIONAL

Living and competing in a regional or rural area doesn't mean you need to give up on your uni dreams. Universities, even those based in major cities, offer support to help students from rural and regional areas, including access to accommodation, adjustment factors, and more.

FIRST NATIONS

Universities often offer tailored support and access programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. This can include alternative entry programs, study skills development workshops, and access to mentors.

LGBTQIA+

Universities also strive to provide a welcoming and inclusive environment for students of any gender or sexuality. You may also like to see if your university is a member of the the [Pride in Sport Program](#).





AIS-endorsed universities

National

Australian Capital Territory

New South Wales

Victoria

Queensland

South Australia

Western Australia

Northern Territory

Tasmania

The AIS has endorsed universities in Australia “where athletes can learn and equip themselves with qualifications, knowledge and skills for future careers beyond their sport”.

These universities have comprehensive Elite Athlete Programs that offer a variety of benefits.

National

Australian Catholic University

The Elite Athlete and Performer Program (EAPP) is designed to give students the tools they need to achieve balance across their active and academic lives.

As part of the EAPP, you may be offered up to five adjustment factors to your entry score.

You must apply for your ACU course via your local tertiary admissions centre (TAC) or via the ACU Guarantee. Following this, you will need to gather your supporting documentation and submit an EAPP application form direct to ACU.

ACU also offers scholarships to both prospective and current elite athlete students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

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SCHOLARSHIPS

EAPP Accommodation Scholarships Varies

EAPP Travel Subsidy Up to \$1,000

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National

Open Universities

If you have a passion for sport, or outstanding athletic ability, Open Universities can help you study on your own terms. OU will help you balance your online classes with demanding training schedules and competitions. Benefits offered include:

- Choose a start date that suits your athletic commitments
- Access universities from across the country, without setting foot on campus
- Enrol with confidence and OU will handle the admin
- Pause study when you need to prioritise training and competitions
- Dictate your own timetable, including how many subjects you take at once
- Get in to uni no matter your academic history

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ No ATAR requirements
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Independent Scholarships Varies

CONTACT

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National

Torrens University Australia

Torrens University offers a variety of academic and financial support to elite athlete students, including flexible study arrangements and extra support.

An ATAR is not required for entry to any of the undergraduate degrees at Torrens (excluding the Bachelor of Nursing).

Elite athletes can apply directly to Torrens (no TAC applications are necessary) and can receive an early offer to study.

Elite athletes can also receive a 25% course fee subsidy scholarship (up to \$12,000 in value).

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ No ATAR requirements
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

- OPEN** All year round
CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athlete Scholarship Up to \$12,000

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Australian Capital Territory

Australian National University

ANU's Student Elite Athlete Program aims to identify elite athletes and assist them in the development of skills which enable these students to successfully balance their sporting and academic aspirations.

Students who are applying to ANU for an eligible undergraduate degree program may apply for an adjustment of their selection rank, in reflection of the commitments they have made as an elite athlete throughout years 11 and 12.

To apply for the Elite Athlete Program, you must currently be enrolled at ANU and submit an application through ANU's office of Access and Inclusion.

ANU also offers scholarships to both prospective and current elite athlete students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athlete Grant Up to \$1,000

ANU Sport Scholarship \$5,000 p/a

CONTACT

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Student Access and Success Officer

Access, Inclusion and Wellbeing

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Australian Capital Territory

University of Canberra

The UC Elite Athlete Program has been designed with talented athletes in mind, supporting eligible students pursuing study at the same time as an elite sporting career.

If your elite athlete sporting commitments have affected your previous academic performance, you could be eligible for up to five adjustment factors towards your entry rank.

You need to be a current student to be considered for the UC Elite Athlete Program. After you accept your offer to study at UC, you can apply through the MyUC student portal.

UC also offers a variety of sports scholarships and bursaries to both prospective and current elite athlete students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athlete Travel Grants Up to \$1,000

Eldon and Anne Foote Elite Athlete Scholarships \$10,000

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Australian Capital Territory

UNSW Canberra (ADFA)

UNSW offers flexible entry and study for identified elite athletes, allowing them to balance sport and study in order to provide pathways to life after sport.

The EAPL Program awards up to five points to high school leavers who have excelled in areas of sport, academia, leadership, and/or music at an elite level.

Applications for the Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders (EAPL) Program and sport scholarships must be submitted directly to UNSW before 30 November each year.

UNSW also offers a wide variety of scholarships for elite athletes.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE 30 November 2023 (scholarships & adjustment factors)

SCHOLARSHIPS

UNSW Sport Scholarships

Up to \$10,000

CONTACT

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New South Wales

Australian College of Physical Education

Being a member of The Elite Program at ACPE provides you with the flexibility and support needed for you to excel in both your sport and your tertiary studies.

There is no minimum ATAR required to study at ACPE. You must have completed Year 12 and must have a minimum NSW HSC average of 60.

Lodge your application for your choice of course directly with ACPE. Once accepted into your course of choice, you will be directed to lodge your application for The Elite Program.

ACPE also offers scholarships to both prospective and current elite athlete students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ No ATAR requirements
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Emerging Elite Athlete, Performer, or Coach Scholarship

Value TBC

CONTACT

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New South Wales

Charles Sturt University

Charles Sturt can give you the support you need to balance your sporting career with your study. Their dedicated staff can support you while you study as part of the Elite Athlete and Performer Program.

You must upload the Elite Athlete and Performer Program special consideration for admission form and your supporting documentation when you apply for your course online.

Once you have been admitted into your course, go to the Student Portal and submit an Elite Athlete form.

Charles Sturt also offers scholarships to elite athlete students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athlete Scholarship Up to \$2,500

CONTACT

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New South Wales

Southern Cross University

At SCU, elite athletes may require additional support to maintain their sporting excellence and our Elite Athlete and Performer Program has been designed to support and encourage students in managing both areas of their life to ensure that they can achieve their goals.

SCU offers a flexible and responsive approach to admissions and enrolment including a bonus point scheme to assist in gaining entry into your chosen course.

Students must complete and submit an online application direct to the Elite Athlete and Performer Coordinators.

SCU also offers scholarships to elite athlete students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

SCU Travel Subsidy Up to \$1,000

SCU Gym Scholarship Fee subsidy

CONTACT

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New South Wales

The University of Newcastle

Newcastle can assist elite athlete students with managing study commitments, provide flexibility around sporting commitments and facilitate access to networking and personal development opportunities.

When gaining entry to Newcastle, you may be eligible for up to four adjustment points to be awarded towards your selection rank, making your rank more competitive.

To apply, complete and submit an online Elite Athlete Form direct to Newcastle.

Elite student athletes also have access to sport and academic scholarships, access to premier sporting facilities and opportunities to represent The University of Newcastle in sport.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE 5 November 2023 (future students only)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Friends of the University Sport Scholarship \$4,000

CONTACT

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New South Wales

The University of New England

The Elite Athlete Program provides strategies that ensure that UNE's elite athlete students are able to fit their study around their sporting commitments by providing flexibility and study options for them.

UNE provides personalised study support programs, including assistance with application for academic flexibility. You will also receive access to sports science, strength and conditioning advice, and dedicated sports psychology support.

You must self-identify and apply at the beginning of your first trimester at the University.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✗ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN Beginning of Trimester 1

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

UNE Scholarships Varies

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New South Wales

The University of New South Wales

UNSW offers flexible entry and study for identified elite athletes, allowing them to balance sport and study in order to provide pathways to life after sport.

The EAPL Program awards up to five points to high school leavers who have excelled in areas of sport, academia, leadership, and/or music at an elite level.

Applications for the Elite Athletes, Performers and Leaders (EAPL) Program and sport scholarships must be submitted directly to UNSW before 30 November each year.

UNSW also offers a wide variety of scholarships for elite athletes.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

- OPEN** All year round
- CLOSE** 30 November (scholarships & adjustment factors)

SCHOLARSHIPS

UNSW Sport Scholarships

Up to \$10,000

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New South Wales

The University of Technology Sydney

The Elite Athlete Program (EAP) assists UTS student athletes to balance the competing demands of sport and study.

With the Elite Athlete or Performers Special Admissions Scheme, you could gain five adjustment points towards the standard ATAR cut-off for your chosen UTS course.

In addition to submitting your UAC application, you'll also need to complete an Elite Athletes and Performers Special Admission Scheme application and submit it to UTS.

If you're intending to apply for the EAP, you'll need to submit a separate application once you've been accepted into UTS.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12 & in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE 1 December 2023 (Elite Athlete or Performers Special Admissions Scheme)
6 February 2024 (Elite Athlete Program)

SCHOLARSHIPS

EAP Scholarships

Varies

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New South Wales

University of Wollongong

If you take part in high-level sporting activities, you might be eligible for UOW's Elite Athlete Program. UOW are committed to help you perform to your best ability academically whilst studying, and at the same time performing as an Elite Athlete in your chosen sport.

To apply, you must submit an application for the EAP directly to UOW.

UOW also offer scholarships for elite athletes.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✗ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

UOW Scholarships

Varies

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New South Wales Western Sydney University

The Elite Athlete Program is designed to assist student athletes juggle their studies while continuing to compete in high level sport. The program covers every sport possible and also considers coaches and match officials.

Up to ten adjustment factors, or points added to your ATAR, may be available if you are an elite athlete.

To apply, you must submit an application for the EAP directly to WSU.

WSU also offer scholarships for elite athletes.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sports Scholarship \$5,000

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Victoria

Deakin University

Deakin University is a proud member of the EA Education Network (EAEN) and their Elite Athlete Program offers support and benefits to student athletes in a range of ways. These vary from academic assistance and course flexibility to financial support and gym access.

All courses offered at Deakin University attract an elite athlete adjustment on a sliding scale – for those students defined as elite athletes.

You can apply direct to Deakin as either a future or current student.

Deakin also offer scholarships for elite athletes.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12 or first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Deakin Sport Network Elite Athlete Scholarship Up to \$15,000

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Victoria

Federation University

Federation University offers elite athletes the opportunity to manage the demands of higher education with our Elite Athlete Program.

Through customised support and the implementation of flexible study arrangements, elite athletes can strive for success in both the sporting and academic arenas.

Elite athletes can receive special assistance with university entry pathways to Federation University.

Submit an application direct to Federation University as either a future or current student.

Federation University also offer scholarships and grants for elite athletes.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12 or first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athlete Scholarship \$7,000

Elite Athlete Travel Grant Up to \$1,000

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Victoria

La Trobe University

La Trobe are committed to providing elite athlete students assistance and support to successfully combine their academic and sporting pursuits.

If you're an elite athlete applying for entry into a La Trobe undergraduate course via VTAC, you could be eligible for the Elite Athlete Adjustment Factor. This means you may have a five aggregate point adjustment factor applied to your admission to La Trobe.

Applications for the La Trobe Elite Athlete Program are open to current La Trobe University students.

In addition to academic and pathway support, our Elite Athlete Program members may also be eligible to apply for specific athlete scholarships and grants.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE 19 November 2023 (Adjustment Factor only)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athlete Support Fund Up to \$2,000

Michael Malthouse Elite Sport Scholarship \$10,000

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Victoria

Monash University

Monash University is committed to helping its students combine academic success with sporting or performing arts success through our Elite Student Performer Support Program.

Monash provides a range of support services and benefits to students who are competing or performing at an elite level in their sport or discipline (i.e. at the National or International level).

Additional consideration for up to 10 ATAR points can be given for entry into Monash University undergraduate and graduate degrees to applicants who have been performing at an elite level concurrently with their schooling.

Students can apply for the Program once they are enrolled at Monash University.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✗ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE 20 October 2023 (entry scheme only)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Team Monash Elite Student Performer Grant

Varies

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Victoria

RMIT University

The RMIT Elite Athlete Program (REAP) supports elite and emerging athletes to achieve sporting and academic excellence. By supporting students to devote time to training and competition while also completing their tertiary studies, student athletes can achieve both their sporting and academic aspirations.

Elite athletes can receive adjustment factors for course entry of up to 10 points towards your aggregate score.

Apply for the program directly online to RMIT.

RMIT also offers scholarships for elite athlete students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athletes Scholarship \$10,000

CONTACT

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Victoria

Swinburne University of Technology

If you're an elite or emerging athlete, Swinburne can help you achieve your goals without the stress of juggling all your study commitments around a busy schedule. This can come in the form of study support and financial assistance.

You must be a currently enrolled student at Swinburne to apply to the Elite Athlete Program.

The Swinburne Student Life Elite Athlete Fund provides grants of up to \$1,000 to support currently enrolled Swinburne students who are elite athletes.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✗ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Swinburne Student Life Elite Athlete Fund Up to \$1,000

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Victoria

The University of Melbourne

The Elite Athlete Program provides elite and emerging student-athletes with in-kind support to assist them to reach their potential whilst studying at the University of Melbourne.

Additional consideration can be given for entry into Melbourne undergraduate and graduate degrees through the [Elite Athletes and Artistic Performers Entry Scheme](#).

Prospective student-athletes can apply direct to the EAP at Melbourne to receive a conditional support offer.

There is a range of specific Sports Scholarships available to students in the Elite Athlete Program.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE 10 November 2023 (Elite Athlete Program)
1 December 2023 (Elite Athletes and Artistic Performers Entry Scheme)

SCHOLARSHIPS

High Performance and Friends of Sport Scholarships Up to \$4,000

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Victoria

Victoria University

Victoria University recognise the challenges of combining elite sport with an academic workload and provide the support you need to be successful, on and off the field.

Current Year 12 students participating in high level sport (athletes, coaches and officials) can receive an adjustment of 5 ATAR points towards your Selection Rank for courses that consider the ATAR as part of the selection process.

Apply for the Elite Athlete Program, including ATAR Adjustment, directly to VU.

Financial support is also available to all eligible elite student-athletes.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite High Performance Scholarships Up to \$2,000

Emerging Elite Scholarships Up to \$1,000

Aspiring Elite Scholarships Up to \$500

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Queensland

Bond University

Bond University will support elite athletes in the balanced pursuit of their academic and sporting goals through providing flexible academic regulations for student-athletes of an elite level.

Depending on your level of involvement, you may be eligible for a sporting adjustment of between 1 and 3 adjustment points.

To apply for the Elite Sport Program at Bond University, you must be a currently enrolled student.

Bond's Elite Athlete Fund assists BESP members with funding for a sporting event or competition.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

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CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athlete Fund Up to \$2,000

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Queensland

CQUniversity

CQUniversity students who are recognised as elite athletes, coaches or performers are provided with the assistance they need at university, so they can meet their educational, sporting and performance commitments.

CQUniversity does not apply adjustments to an applicant's selection rank for elite athlete, coach or performer status.

Students can request support from CQUni once they are enrolled.

CQUni doesn't offer athlete-specific scholarships, but have a variety of scholarships open to all students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✗ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

CQUni Scholarships

Varies

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Queensland

Griffith University

Griffith Sports College plays a vital role in fostering students who are also elite athletes, helping them devote time to training and competition while they complete their tertiary studies.

If you're an elite athlete, you could be eligible to receive an adjustment to your selection rank (or ATAR).

Apply directly to Griffith Sports College. This application also allows Griffith to track your QTAC admissions process, and consider direct entry.

Griffith offer a range of scholarships for elite athletes who have excelled in their chosen sport.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Griffith Sports Scholarships Varies

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Queensland

James Cook University

JCU's Elite Athlete Program provides support and flexibility for formally identified elite athlete students. Flexible options may include support with academic study loads and assessment deadlines.

JCU do not currently offer adjustment factors specifically for elite athletes.

Submit a direct application for the Elite Athlete Program online.

The JCU Elite Athlete Scholarship provides financial support to elite athletes.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✗ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

**Elite Athlete
Scholarship**

Up to \$30,000

CONTACT

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Queensland

Queensland University of Technology

If you're an athlete and you've been competing at an elite level, you may be eligible for QUT's Elite Athlete Program. The program can give you access to academic flexibility, support services, personal and professional development opportunities, and scholarships and funding.

If you apply for the Elite Athlete Entry Scheme as part of your QTAC application, you could receive an adjustment to your selection rank (or ATAR).

Once you're enrolled as a student, you'll be able to apply for the Elite Athlete Program through the HiQ site.

You can apply for scholarships when you apply for your course.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Sport Scholarship Up to \$10,000

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Queensland

The University of Queensland

Utilising UQ's expansive network, the Elite Athlete Program delivers a holistic approach to athlete support, providing access to a range of personal and professional development opportunities and resources.

UQ do not currently offer adjustment factors specifically for elite athletes.

Once you're enrolled as a student, you'll be able to apply for Elite Athlete Status via the My requests page in myUQ.

UQ supports student-athletes from a wide range of sports through their Sporting Scholarships.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✗ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✗ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

UQ Sporting Scholarships Varies

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Queensland

University of Southern Queensland

UniSQ provides specialised support services designed for students who deal with competing demands of sport and study, helping you achieve your full academic potential.

UniSQ do not currently offer adjustment factors specifically for elite athletes.

You must be a currently enrolled student at UniSQ to apply for the Elite Athlete Program.

Registered athletes are also eligible to apply for UniSQ's Elite Athlete Scholarships.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✗ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athlete Scholarship Up to \$5,000

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Queensland

University of the Sunshine Coast

High Performance Student Athletes (HPSAs) receive personalised support and exclusive benefits at UniSC.

Prospective HPSAs are eligible to apply for UniSC's Elite Athlete adjustment.

Apply for the HPSA program directly via UniSC's website.

UniSC offers a variety of scholarships and financial assistance to HPSAs.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN TBC

CLOSE TBC

SCHOLARSHIPS

UniSC Sports Scholarships Varies

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South Australia

Flinders University

Flinders are committed to supporting Australia's elite athletes to achieve academic excellence while also pursuing a sporting career and they appreciate how difficult it is to combine elite and high performance ambitions with an academic workload.

Flinders' dedicated Elite Athletes Admissions Scheme provides a pathway to university study for elite sportspeople.

Once you are enrolled as a Flinders University student, you can submit your application to the Elite Athlete Program.

Flinders offers a variety of scholarships to all students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✗ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE 29 December 2023 (Elite Athletes Admissions Scheme)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Flinders Scholarships

Varies

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South Australia

The University of Adelaide

By providing a flexible and responsive approach to study, the University of Adelaide supports students to balance their sporting and academic commitments.

The University of Adelaide does not currently offer specific adjustment points for elite athletes.

Once you are enrolled at the University of Adelaide, you can submit the elite athlete registration form online.

The University of Adelaide offers a range of scholarship and grant opportunities for elite athletes.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✗ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✗ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sport Scholarships and Grants

Varies

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South Australia

The University of South Australia

As an EAEN approved university since 2004, UniSA works to support elite athletes and performing artists in achieving their best in both performance and study - so you won't have to choose between these two significant aspects of your life.

Before you apply to study at UniSA, we are available to discuss your study options, entry requirements, credit, and anything else that may impact on your program choice.

Both current and prospective domestic students can apply for the UniSA Elite Athlete & Performer Program.

Elite Athlete & Performer Program grants are available to those actively registered with the UniSA Elite Athlete & Performer Program (EAPP).

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✗ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✗ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athlete & Performer Program Grants Varies

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Western Australia

Curtin University

Curtin is endorsed by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) as part of the Elite Athlete Education Network (EAEN). Following the principles of the EAEN, our program has an overriding objective to assist our student-athletes in the pursuit of dual careers (combining high-performance sport and a tertiary education).

Elite athletes may be eligible for adjustment points through TISC's [Educational Access Scheme](#).

You can apply for the Elite Athlete Program once you are enrolled at Curtin.

Curtin also offers scholarships and grants for elite athlete students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athlete Grant \$2,500

University Basketball League Regional Bursary Up to \$5,000

CONTACT

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Western Australia

Edith Cowan University

As an Elite Athlete Friendly University, ECU has an agreement with the Australian Sports Commission to support elite athletes in achieving and balancing both their academic and sporting pursuits.

Elite athletes may be eligible for adjustment points through TISC's [Educational Access Scheme](#).

You can apply for the Elite Athlete Program once you are enrolled at ECU.

ECU offers a variety of scholarships and grants for all students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

ECU Scholarships

Varies

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Western Australia

Murdoch University

As an elite athlete at Murdoch, you can access support to help you succeed in your studies and enable you to commit to your sporting obligations.

Elite athletes may be eligible for adjustment points through TISC's [Educational Access Scheme](#).

You can apply for the Elite Athlete Program once you are enrolled at Murdoch.

Murdoch also offers financial support for students registered under the Elite Athlete Program.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elite Athlete Support Fund

Up to \$2,000

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Western Australia

University of Notre Dame

The University of Notre Dame Australia is part of the Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) Network committed to supporting Australia's elite athletes to achieve academic excellence whilst pursuing a sporting career.

Eligible elite athletes will be able to negotiate their study and assessment options or explore any flexible studies arrangement in the course of their university degree.

Athletes who compete at a state, national or international level may be eligible for 5 adjustment factor points.

You can apply for the Elite Athlete Program once you are enrolled at Notre Dame. Notre Dame offers a variety of scholarships and grants for all students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Notre Dame Scholarships Varies

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Western Australia

University of Western Australia

UWA is proud to support athletes both on and off the field. Their Student Athlete Development Program provides opportunities for work-integrated learning, internships, and graduate employability.

UWA also has a [Future Student Athlete Program](#), offering high school students in Years 10, 11 and 12 the opportunity to discover Student Athlete life at UWA.

You may be eligible for adjustment points through [UWay](#).

You can apply for the Student Athlete Development Program once you are enrolled at UWA.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

UWA Sport Scholarships Varies

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Northern Territory

Charles Darwin University

The Elite Athlete Support Program provides personalised support for elite athletes for the duration of their academic program at CDU. The Program encourages and supports student athletes competing at a national and international levels.

CDU does not currently offer adjustment points specifically for elite athletes.

You can apply for the Elite Athlete Support Program once you are enrolled at CDU.

CDU offers scholarships to all students at many levels.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✗ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✗ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

OPEN All year round

CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Carbine Club Sports Scholarship \$2,000

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Tasmania

University of Tasmania

The University of Tasmania Elite Athlete Program supports students performing at a high level. If you strive for excellence in sport and your tertiary studies, UTAS will aid you in achieving your goals.

UTAS does not currently offer adjustment points specifically for elite athletes.

You can apply for the Elite Athlete Program once you are enrolled at UTAS.

UTAS also provides elite athletes with access to additional scholarship and bursary opportunities

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✗ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in first year
- ✓ Flexible study options
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APPLICATIONS

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CLOSE Apply ASAP

SCHOLARSHIPS

Tasmanian Institute of Sport HECS Waiver 25% fee waiver

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Non-endorsed universities

Macquarie University

The University of Sydney

These universities are not part of the Elite Athlete University Network, but still provide some benefits and adjustments for elite athletes looking to study.



New South Wales

Macquarie University

The EAAP scheme is for applicants who believe that their performance, training and competition commitments have affected their study preparation in the past two years.

The Ranking Committee determines whether the applicant is eligible for additional points due to adjustment factors.

Macquarie University Sport Scholars have access to high level support to assist them in achieving sporting and academic success during their time at university.

Macquarie also offers scholarships to elite athlete students.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry (separate application)

APPLICATIONS

OPEN 10 August 2023

CLOSE 24 November 2023

SCHOLARSHIPS

Sports Scholarship Up to \$2,500

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New South Wales

The University of Sydney

Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness' Elite Athlete Program (EAP) has helped over 2,000 University of Sydney student athletes to find balance and achieve their goals. Application received before 30 June and 30 September may be considered for an early offer.

The Elite Athletes and Performers Scheme (EAPS) also allows successful applicants to receive up to five adjustment factors to increase their selection rank when applying to the University.

The Elite Athletes and Performers Scheme (EAPS) and the Elite Athletes Program (EAP) are **not related and require separate applications**.

The University of Sydney also offers financial support for elite athletes.

For full benefits, entry requirements, and application details, go here.

KEY DETAILS

- ✓ Adjustment factors
- ✓ Apply in Year 12
- ✓ Flexible study options
- ✓ Early entry

APPLICATIONS

OPEN 21 April 2023 (EAP)
1 August 2023 (EAPS)

CLOSE 30 October 2023 (EAPS)
22 December 2023 (EAP)

SCHOLARSHIPS

SUSF Scholarships Varies

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