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ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM



THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

SYDNEY UNIVERSITY Student Athlete Prospectus

2027 ENTRY



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Why Sydney University?

Home to the world's and nation's best academic and sporting curricula, we are committed to excellence.

Challenging and supporting student athletes to achieve to their potential in and beyond their sport so they can lead to improve our communities and the world around us; we are striving for what matters.



About Us



**TOP 25
IN THE WORLD**
(QS World University
Rankings 2026)

1ST IN AUSTRALIA
(US News Best Global
Universities 2025-2026)

53RD IN THE WORLD
(The World University
Rankings 2026)

**CROWNED NATIONALS
DIV 1 OVERALL CHAMPION**
by UniSport Australia
more times than any other
university in Australia

**HOME TO SEVERAL OF
AUSTRALIA'S OLDEST
AND MOST SUCCESSFUL
SPORTING CLUBS**

**11 HIGH PERFORMANCE
SPORTING PROGRAMS**

Investing in Student Athlete Excellence

The University of Sydney believes in an education for all and so do we. Whether your goal is to represent USYD, a professional team, or even your country, our longstanding investment in student athletes demonstrates a deep belief in nurturing excellence across sport and study.

Creating an environment where you can truly excel requires a blend of proven sporting programs, outstanding training facilities, academic and wellbeing support, high-quality accommodation, and accessible financial assistance. For those aiming for elite or international competition, comprehensive and personalised support is essential. Our Elite Athlete Program, Australia's foremost university-based student athlete support program, delivers unparalleled and essential resources tailored to empower your success both academically and athletically.

By joining our community, you'll benefit from a supportive and dynamic network where your ambitions in sport and study are matched by the programs, people, and opportunities needed to turn potential into achievement.



Australia's Best Sporting Programs

Sporting Clubs

With 40 affiliated sporting clubs, we offer a comprehensive range of opportunities, from social and recreational participation to pathways that lead to national and professional competition, ensuring you can develop, compete, and proudly represent USYD at every level.

High Performance Programs

There are 11 high performance sporting programs designed to support your pursuit of higher representative honours. Through expert coaching and coordinated support services focused on your growth and success, these programs provide the ideal environment for you to achieve your athletic and personal goals.

- Athletics**
- Australian Rules**
- Basketball**
- Cricket**
- Hockey**
- Rowing**
- Rugby Union**
- Soccer**
- Swimming**
- Tennis**
- Water Polo**

Intersport Sport

Each year, thousands of students from over 40 tertiary institutions come together to represent their universities at the UniSport Nationals, a multi-sport event hosted by UniSport Australia across various locations nationwide. Featuring more than 40 sports contested through 10 to 15 national-standard competitions, the UniSport Nationals are a key part of the student experience and offer a valuable pathway to higher representative honours. Many USYD students have advanced to compete as Australian UniRoos at prestigious events such as the FISU Summer and Winter World University Games.

Training and Competition Facilities

Main Campus

- Sydney University Sports & Aquatic Centre
- Arena Sports Centre
- TAG Family Foundation Grandstand
- David Mortimer High Performance Gym
- The Ledge Climbing Centre
- Manning Squash Courts
- Manning Lawn Tennis Courts
- Oval 1
- Sydney University Football Ground
- The Square

Linley Point Boat Shed

Robyn Webster (Tempe)

Cumberland Campus

Elite Athlete Program members receive complimentary access to the pool at the Sydney University Sports & Aquatic Centre, the gym and quiet study areas at Arena Sports Centre, The Ledge Climbing Centre, the David Mortimer High Performance Gym within the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand, and sport specific facilities by request (e.g. basketball and tennis courts, dojo, etc.).



Athletic Performance Services

Sports Science

Surrounded by world-leading academics, researchers, and industry leaders from the University of Sydney, our programs and practices are naturally shaped by sound knowledge and principles related to performance, health, and wellbeing. Our clubs, programs and athletes are often involved in research projects that contribute to our learning environment and the community.

Sydney Uni Sport is also a key strategic collaborator of the University's Sport and Physical Activity Research and Teaching Network (SPARTAN). The Network aims to facilitate high-impact interdisciplinary research which addresses physical activity and public health, promotes population health, advances knowledge and expertise in athletic performance and identifies novel strategies in injury prevention and management.

Courtesy of STATSports, several of our high performance programs utilise leading GPS technology to ensure best practice and a competitive advantage for our athletes and teams.



Strength and Conditioning

Sydney Uni Sport's dedicated team of experienced strength and conditioning coaches ensures that athletes in our high performance programs and Elite Athlete Program members are physically prepared to excel. They conduct comprehensive fitness testing, develop individualised strength and conditioning plans, and provide expert guidance and supervision during training and competitions.

Our coaches, accredited by the Australian Strength and Conditioning Association, collaborate closely with program directors, medical and allied health professionals, as well as university interns and placement students, to deliver holistic, athlete-centred support. Athletes also benefit from access to the state-of-the-art David Mortimer High Performance Gym within the TAG Family Foundation Grandstand.

The Sports Clinic

At The Sports Clinic located in the Arena Sports Centre, USYD students and athletes of Sydney University sporting clubs receive concessions on often-needed services, such as medical, physiotherapy, podiatry and acupuncture. Many of the experienced medical and allied health professionals that work closely with our high performance programs and sporting clubs are based at The Sports Clinic.



Dietetics, Performance Psychology and Mental Skills

Elite Athlete Program members and athletes in our high performance programs receive tailored education and expert support from our preferred practitioners. Our dietitians provide personalised, evidence-based nutrition advice to help you optimise health, enhance performance, and manage health conditions effectively. Working with a performance psychologist offers invaluable strategies to unlock your potential by improving goal setting, motivation, anxiety management, visualization, and overall mental resilience. This integrated approach ensures you receive holistic support to excel both on and off the field.

Recovery Services

Elite Athlete Program members and athletes in our high performance programs can optimise their performance and accelerate recovery with our expert sports massage and dry needling therapies, designed to relieve muscle tension and promote healing. Complement your routine with cutting-edge recovery technologies such as Normatec compression boots and invigorating ice baths, proven to reduce inflammation and enhance circulation. Our comprehensive recovery services provide the essential care every athlete needs to train harder, recover faster, and perform at their best.

Elite Athlete Program members receive complimentary strength and conditioning coaching and access to the David Mortimer High Performance Gym, as well as subsidies to help with covering the cost of seeing dietitians, performance psychologists, and our recovery services.



Health and Wellbeing, and Personal Support

We recognise that a high level of health and wellbeing - mental, physical, financial, social, and spiritual; is crucial to achieving excellence in both sport and study. All students are encouraged to take advantage of the quality services and resources provided by the University of Sydney to facilitate their holistic development, including:

Health and Wellbeing

- » University Health Service (incl. medical centre, chiropractic, dentistry, and optometry)
- » Wellbeing and Counselling Services
- » Inclusion and Disability Services
- » Safer Communities Office
- » [Sonder](#) (International Students only)
- » [TalkCampus](#) (all students)

Personal Support

- » Financial Support (e.g. bursaries and interest-free loans)
- » Student Advocacy
- » Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Support (The Gadigal Centre)
- » Pride Network and LGBTQIA+ Support
- » Multifaith Chaplaincy



Alongside subsidised tutoring, Elite Athlete Program members receive the support of experienced and qualified staff to assist with a wide range of academic, athletic and other issues, including how to navigate sport and study commitment clashes and applying for special consideration and arrangements.

Academic Support

The University of Sydney offers a range of helpful academic services and resources to all students including:

- » **Learning hub (Academic Language and Learning, and Mathematics)** - Assistance with mathematics and statistics, as well as academic communication, research, and study skills.
- » **The Library student support** - Find places to study, necessary course resources, exam support, training and more.
- » **Degree planning and academic advice** - Help with understanding your degree requirements or structuring your course, or specialised degree or discipline advice.
- » **One-on-one support** - Guidance for making study-related decisions that will help you achieve your personal and academic goals.
- » **Academic progression** - Help with understanding the academic progression process and how you can be supported if you encounter academic or personal challenges in completing your studies.

Special Consideration and Arrangements

While you are studying, there may be exceptional circumstances or essential commitments that impact your academic performance. You may have clashes between your study and sporting commitments*, be absent for periods of time, or experience injury and illness. The University of Sydney provides special consideration and arrangements such as extensions, replacement examinations and otherwise to assist in these situations.

Careers Centre

Right from your first year at university, you have access to an abundance of career counselling services and resources to help put you in the best career position by the end of your degree.

Tutoring

Subsidies are available for Elite Athlete Program members to assist with covering the cost of tutors. Tutoring is helpful if you are experiencing difficulties with grasping unit of study content or have missed classes due to sporting commitments.



Accommodation

There are a variety of accommodation options on the University's main (Camperdown and Darlington) campus, including the residential colleges and University residences.

If you require on-campus accommodation, you are strongly encouraged to apply for places as early as possible in the year prior to your enrolment at The University of Sydney.

University Residences

Managed by the University, there are several residences where you can enjoy the freedom of affordable, self-catered, and convenient accommodation.

- » Abercrombie Student Accommodation
- » The Regiment Student Accommodation
- » Queen Mary Building
- » Darlington House

Priority places in select University Residences may be offered to current and prospective Sydney Uni student athletes.

Enquire via sportscholarships@sport.usyd.edu.au.

Other Accommodation Options

Along with University residences and residential colleges, there are a range of short-term, long-term and homestay options for students. From boarding houses and purpose-built apartments, there are plenty of places to stay near the University.



Residential Colleges

The residential colleges offer much more than accommodation. Rich in heritage and tradition, they offer a supportive living experience that allows you to excel in your studies and enjoy an exciting social and sporting calendar. This, together with three catered meals a day and laundry services amongst other provisions, the residential colleges are a great way to make your transition to independence. For student athletes (who are often time poor), the residential colleges are of immense benefit; you won't miss out on a terrific student experience!



St. Andrew's College

St Andrew's College is a vibrant and diverse academic community that has been shaping leaders since 1867. With over 380 male and female undergraduates, postgraduates, and resident fellows, our college provides an environment where students thrive academically, socially, and athletically.

Our commitment to excellence is exemplified by the remarkable achievements of our alumni, including Olympians Jaime Ryan, Hannah Buckling, Forbes Carlile, and Rohan Browning, Australian Matilda's players Clare Wheeler and Clare Hunt, and former Wallaby Captains Phil Waugh, Nick Farr-Jones, Dick Tooth, John Solomon, Arthur Wallace, Tom Lawton, Alex Ross, and Bill Hardcastle. If you value the pursuit of excellence and want to change the world, St Andrew's is the right college for you.

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Places may be prioritised in select residential colleges for current and prospective Elite Athlete Program members. Several residential colleges also offer scholarships to assist Elite Athlete Program members with covering their college fees. Enquire via sportscholarships@sport.usyd.edu.au.

St. John's College

St John's College is a coeducational residential college for University of Sydney students. Established in 1857, it holds the distinction of being the oldest Catholic college in Australia. Throughout its history, the College has consistently advocated for the significance of sports in a well-rounded university life. We continuously challenge our students to achieve their personal bests, both on and off the field.

St John's College is thrilled to uphold its proud legacy by once again partnering with Sydney Uni Sport. This collaboration aims to support our students' athletic pursuits through a dedicated scholarship program for elite athletes. The College is committed to matching Sydney Uni Sport scholarships granted to students who are Elite Athlete Program members.

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Mandelbaum House

At Mandelbaum House, we attract high-achieving students who are not only dedicated to their academic pursuits but who also value a well-rounded university experience. Our residents are bright, motivated individuals who understand the importance of balancing their studies with an active social life and community involvement.

With a supportive and tight-knit environment, Mandelbaum House is more than just a place to live. It is a true home away from home for 42 residents from a rich diversity of nationalities, cultural backgrounds, and gender identities. Our small size is one of our greatest strengths, allowing us to provide a highly personalised level of care, support, and connection.

Our committed staff work closely together to foster a welcoming, inclusive, and safe environment. We ensure that every student feels valued and supported physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Ideally located just around the corner from the Sydney Uni Sports & Aquatic Centre, Mandelbaum House offers elite student athletes the convenience of close proximity to world-class training and recreational facilities. Our residents also enjoy participating in the University's Intramural Sports and Arts competitions, contributing to a vibrant and spirited campus culture.

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St. Paul's College

Founded in 1856, St Paul's is the oldest residential college. The undergraduate College and the newer Graduate House are both co-residential. St Paul's offers a traditional college experience, a comprehensive tutorial programme, a full range of co-curricular activities and a vibrant social life. The College has a proud record of academic achievement having produced 29 Rhodes Scholars and over 100 University Medallists to date. With a long and distinguished record in sport, Paul's participates fully in the Rawson Cup and Rosebowl competitions. The College oval is the setting for internal, intercollegiate and University sports fixtures. In addition, the College boasts a fully equipped and recently extended gymnasium with designated studio for dance, yoga and Pilates.

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Sancta Sophia College

Sancta encourages applications from undergraduate women with sporting talent who wish to join a diverse community built to empower women. On-campus at Sydney Uni, we are a women's undergraduate and co-ed postgraduate community with over 300 students from all over Australia and the world. We value the leadership and dedication that sportspeople bring to our vibrant and inclusive residential community, with many high-performing athletes in our history including Australian Wallaroos star Arabella McKenzie, champion swimmer Elizabeth Gan, and Paralympian and ParaMatilda Rae Anderson.

Community-minded athletes choose Sancta for the sporting, social, academic and creative opportunities on offer throughout the year in a fun, safe and supportive environment. To cater for athletes, we provide a high-quality, all-inclusive meals service, and students can access personalised support to juggle their demanding academic and training schedules.

Elite Athlete Program members who are awarded a Sydney Uni Sport scholarship will automatically receive a matching residential scholarship at Sancta.

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Wesley College

Wesley College is a vibrant and welcoming community of 260 undergraduate students. If you're searching for a close-knit and supportive community that encourages, challenges and supports you to achieve your sporting dreams, develop your leadership skills, build confidence and create friendships and memories that last a lifetime, Wesley College is for you.

Wesley is home to a diverse range of athletes and scholars, some of whom have become elite athletes on sporting stages at home and abroad. We are renowned for our enthusiastic participation in the intercollegiate Rawson and Rosebowl Cups and nurture talent through sports scholarships and opportunities for outstanding athletes in partnership with Sydney Uni Sport's Elite Athlete Program.

Wesley is fully catered and offers a wide range of academic and co-curricular support including tutorials, networking opportunities and a rich cultural and social program so you can fulfill your academic and sporting potential.

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The Women's College

Step into The Women's College, the no. 1 environment, where empowerment and opportunity meet. Our vibrant community champions inclusivity, offering a supportive foundation for both academic and athletic ambition. With personalised academic guidance and a rich, competitive sporting program, our women are poised for success. Respect, comfort, and enjoyment aren't just promised—they're embedded in every facet of College life.

And for the competitively spirited, we match determination with opportunity: our scholarship programs are designed to support and amplify your educational and athletic pursuits. Sydney Uni Sport scholarships awarded to Elite Athlete Program members are matched by us enabling our women to focus on their training and studies.

If you're a female athlete there's not a better college for you to be at.

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Scholarships and Grants



There are hundreds of sporting scholarships available for Sydney University student athletes who are enrolled to study at the University of Sydney. Many are awarded to Elite Athlete Program members, but some do not have this prerequisite. You may be granted multiple scholarships and grants (conditions apply).

For Elite Athlete Program Members

Up to \$10,000 per annum, prioritised for those who represent Sydney University in sport.

- » **Sydney Uni Sport (General) Scholarships** - Awarded to athletes from any sporting discipline at the discretion of Sydney Uni Sport, over 200 Elite Athlete Program members are supported by these scholarships.
- » **Adam Spencer Scholarship** - Awarded to a women's soccer football player.
- » **Aleksandra Pozder Scholarship** - Awarded to an emerging athlete in track and field athletics.
- » **Allan Kendall Scholarship** - Awarded to a St Andrew's College undergraduate resident, who specialises in tennis, squash or table tennis.
- » **Blue & Gold Club Scholarship** - Awarded at the discretion of Sydney Uni Sport to an exceptional student athlete.
- » **Blues Association Scholarship** - Awarded to an outstanding student athlete at the discretion of Sydney Uni Sport.
- » **Brian Fitzpatrick Scholarship** - Awarded to an outstanding Sydney University Hockey Club player.
- » **Bruce Ross Scholarship** - Awarded to an athlete from any sporting discipline at the discretion of Sydney Uni Sport.
- » **Buildcorp Scholarship** - Awarded to an emerging Sydney University Football Club player who has potential to be considered for future employment at Buildcorp and is studying a discipline relevant to the Organisation. The successful candidate receives the opportunity to complete work experience at Buildcorp.

- » **BUPA Scholarships** - Awarded to aspiring athletes in Olympic and Paralympic sports.
- » **Collins/Peasley Scholarship** - Awarded to the most deserved track and field athlete.
- » **CommBank Scholarship** - Awarded to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student from any sport.
- » **Corlett Family Scholarship** - Awarded to a female athlete from any sporting discipline.
- » **David Chadwick Scholarship** - Awarded to a member of Sydney University Rugby League Club's First Grade men's team.
- » **David Hynes AM Scholarship** - Awarded to a promising Sydney University Baseball Club player.
- » **Dick Barnard Scholarship** - Awarded to an indigenous female athlete involved in hockey.
- » **Elsie Harris Scholarship** - Awarded to a female athlete who, ideally, plays golf or croquet.
- » **Enrizen Scholarship** - Awarded to an athlete from any sport, with at least a credit average in specified degrees which are aligned with Enrizen's business interests. The successful candidate receives the opportunity to complete a paid internship at Enrizen.
- » **Gavin Brown AO Scholarship** - Awarded to athletes from any sporting discipline at the discretion of Sydney Uni Sport.
- » **Harvey Gordon Scholarship** - Awarded to a promising male Australian Rules footballer of Sydney University Australian National Football Club, who is an excellent clubman.
- » **Ian White Scholarship** - Awarded to an undergraduate student athlete from the sporting discipline of Athletics.
- » **Jack Pross OAM Scholarship** - Awarded to a deserving country track and field athlete, who, prior to attending The University of Sydney, resided outside of the Sydney Metropolitan area.
- » **Jane Spring AM Scholarship** - Awarded to a Sydney University Boat Club rower at the discretion of Sydney Uni Sport and the Club.
- » **Jenny Lawler Scholarship** - Awarded to a female athlete from any sporting discipline.

- » **Kaye Dening AM Scholarship** - Awarded to an exceptional Sydney University Lawn Tennis Club player (preferably a female undergraduate) who exhibits excellent sportsmanship, a record of strong academic achievement, and outstanding tennis results and ranking either in Australia or overseas.
- » **Luke Mitchell Scholarship** - Awarded to an outstanding Sydney University Australian National Football Club Player and good club person.
- » **Michael Luciano Scholarship** - Awarded to a Sydney University Soccer Football Club Player. In seven out of every ten years, the recipient will be male and, in at least five of every ten years, the recipient will have received their secondary education in a state or government school.
- » **Mick O'Sullivan Scholarship** - Awarded to a promising male Sydney University Cricket Club spin bowler.
- » **Mollie Dive Scholarship** - Awarded to an outstanding female hockey or cricket player.
- » **Philip Rundle Scholarship** - Awarded to an outstanding Sydney University Athletic Club sprinter.
- » **Ralph's Café/Panebianco Scholarship** - Awarded to an emerging young women's basketballer.
- » **Ray Hyslop OAM Scholarship** - Awarded to an outstanding Sydney University Soccer Football Club player who is a Faculty of Medicine and Health student.
- » **RC Mesley Scholarship** - Awarded to a promising male Sydney University Cricket Club player.
- » **Richard W Quinn Scholarship** - Awarded to an outstanding Sydney University Australian National Football Club player.
- » **Robert Smithies Scholarship** - Awarded to an athlete representing their Sydney Uni Sport-affiliated sporting club at its most senior level.
- » **Rodney Tubbs Scholarship** - Awarded to a male Sydney University Australian National Football Club player selected in its most senior team.
- » **Ron & Jennie Finlay Scholarship** - Awarded to a promising Sydney University Baseball Club player.

- » **Ron Rushbrooke Scholarship** - Awarded to a Sydney University Baseball Club player who has made significant on and off-field contributions.
- » **Ross Brown AM Scholarship** - Awarded to an athlete currently studying in, or associated with, the discipline of Pharmacy.
- » **Tommy Woudwyk Scholarship** - Awarded to an athlete, preferably a water polo player, whose study/career interests are aligned with that of the business interests of ProSource.
- » **Warrick Segal Scholarship** - Awarded to a promising Sydney University Soccer Football Club player in his freshman year, who is a member of the most senior squad.

Up to \$10,000 per annum for Elite Athlete Program members who are University of Sydney Business School students and have achieved excellent academic results.

- » **University of Sydney Business School Scholarship for Outstanding Academic and Sporting Achievement** - Up to \$5,000 per annum is awarded to domestic students commencing or continuing an undergraduate coursework degree in the University of Sydney Business School. Commencing students must have an ATAR of at least 97. Continuing students must have an AAM of at least 75. Up to \$10,000 per annum is awarded to domestic students commencing or continuing a postgraduate coursework degree in the University of Sydney Business School.

Residential colleges listed below may, at their discretion, provide matching scholarships equivalent in value to Sydney Uni Sport Scholarships awarded to Elite Athlete Program members. These scholarships assist in covering residential college fees.

- » **St. Andrew's College**
- » **St. John's College**
- » **St. Paul's College**
- » **Sancta Sophia College**
- » **Wesley College**
- » **The Women's College**



For All Student Athletes

Awarded to all student athletes, regardless of Elite Athlete Program membership.

Up to \$1,000 per annum, awarded to assist with UniSport Nationals attendance.

- » **Sydney Uni Sport Leadership Scholarships (x2)** – Awarded at the discretion of Sydney Uni Sport to the selected captains of the Sydney University Uni Nationals Team. These scholarships will be used to assist the successful candidates with covering the financial costs associated with representing Sydney University at the UniSport Nationals.
- » **Vance Borland Scholarship** – Awarded to assist a current student who plays baseball and has experienced significant financial disadvantage throughout the course of their enrolment at University (and/or for first-year University students, during their NSW HSC (or equivalent) year). Ideally this Scholarship will be used to help the successful candidate with covering the financial costs associated with representing Sydney University in the baseball competition at the UniSport Nationals.

\$8,500 per annum, awarded to assist with concurrent sport and study.

- » **Nellie Griffin Hockey Scholarship** – Awarded to support student hockey players who have experienced significant educational disadvantage. Eligible candidates will have gained admission via The University of Sydney's Educational Access Scheme/Broadway Scheme and are Sydney University Hockey Club players.

Up to \$1,500 per annum, awarded to assist student athletes competing overseas.

- » **International Travel Grants** – To help with alleviating the costs associated with international competition (such as accommodation, air fares and registration fees); grants may be awarded to student athletes who represent Australia in recognised sporting competitions held overseas.

At the discretion of Sydney Uni Sport, support may be provided in extraordinary circumstances to athletes representing Sydney University or a nation other than Australia.

Up to \$15,000 per annum, awarded to Sydney University Football Club members.

- » **David Clarke Memorial Scholarship** – Up to \$15,000 per annum is awarded to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and potential, and who intend to become Sydney University rugby players with ambitions for higher achievements in the sport of rugby. Successful candidates must: be an Australian citizen or permanent resident, or New Zealand citizen; have an unconditional offer to study a coursework degree at The University of Sydney; and be an active member of Sydney University Football Club.

Other Scholarships and Grants

You are encouraged to consider the wide variety of scholarships and grants that are offered by the University of Sydney apply where relevant.



Admission Support



As one of the world's leading universities, admission to the University of Sydney is highly competitive. However, the University offers a range of admission pathways, entry schemes, and support programs that may assist you in gaining entry.

Equity Schemes

MySydney Entry & Scholarship Scheme

For students residing in low socio-economic areas. Provides entry on a reduced ATAR, a \$8500 yearly scholarship for the duration of your degree, plus a range of additional support.

Regional and Remote Entry Scheme

For undergraduate students who live in regional or remote Australia.

Provides admission to an undergraduate degree based on a reduced ATAR as well as the Vice Chancellor's Global Mobility Award, valued at up to \$5,000 for eligible exchange programs.

Educational Access Scheme

For students who have experienced significant educational disadvantages.

You may be eligible for up to ten adjustment factors. The number of adjustment factors awarded depends on course demand, availability of courses and the severity of educational disadvantage.

Special Consideration for Admission Scheme

For applicants who have a record of tertiary study and their secondary or tertiary studies were impacted by circumstances outside their control. Those with achievements close to but below the entry requirements may be provided entry by special consideration.

Merit-Based Schemes

Elite Athletes & Performers Scheme

For athletes or performers whose rehearsal, training or competitive commitments have significantly impacted their Year 12 studies (or equivalent).

You may be eligible for up to five adjustment factors.

Academic Excellence Scheme

For students who demonstrate excellence in high-level English or mathematics in their Year 12 exams.

You may be eligible for up to five adjustment factors or combined rank (for IBAS) to raise your selection rank.

Future Leaders Scheme

For applicants who achieve their school's highest ATAR or IB Admissions Score.

You may gain entry to eligible courses with a reduced entry requirement.

Indigenous Pathways

Extended Bachelor's Programs

This dedicated admission pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students includes an additional foundation year of study, additional support and a yearly scholarship.

Gadigal Program

Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to gain entry to the University on a reduced ATAR – offers academic support before and during your studies, the ability to apply for an early offer and an exchange scholarship.

Direct entry for the Bachelor of Oral Health

Non-School Pathways

Domestic applicants aged 21 or older who do not hold a recognised qualification can apply for eligible undergraduate degrees through the Mature-age Entry Scheme.

Creative Skills

If you are an architecture, design, music or visual arts applicant, you can use these pathways to demonstrate talent or creative skills that supports your application.

- » Creative Arts Special Admission Scheme (Music)
- » Creative Arts Special Admission Scheme (Visual Arts)
- » Portfolio Admission Pathway (Architecture and Design)

Other Pathways

If you don't meet the eligibility criteria of your chosen course, you may still be able to study something similar or find another way to get into the course.

- » Apply if you are close to the entry requirement
- » Apply for a similar course
- » Transferring
- » Complete another recognised qualification
- » Graduate entry

FOR MORE INFORMATION



Elite Athlete Program

Together with the University of Sydney and our successful sporting clubs and programs, our Elite Athlete Program has assisted over 2500 Sydney Uni student athletes achieve excellence in academia and sport since 1990. It is one of the most well-established and successful of its kind in Australia

For elite and emerging student athletes, the right assistance is critical in promoting high performance outcomes. Our Program brings together several invaluable benefits and services enabling a comprehensive package of support. At its heart is a team of dedicated, experienced, and university-qualified staff. Each assigned to servicing specific sports, they are usually the first people that you will connect with for help and guidance in navigating your commitments and challenges.

Our Elite Athlete Program staff assist with a range of issues including, but not limited to:

- » admission enquiries;
- » securing on-campus accommodation;
- » degree, subject, and study load selection;
- » transitioning from school to university;
- » planning for potential significant or problematic absences from university;
- » applying for special consideration and arrangements;
- » understanding university policies and procedures;
- » finding a balance between sport and study commitments;
- » identifying support (e.g. for financial assistance and wellbeing help); and
- » connecting with appropriate University services and staff.

Benefits and Services

Academic Support

- » Advice and advocacy from dedicated Elite Athlete Program staff
- » Subsidised tutoring

Athletic Performance Support

- » Complimentary strength and conditioning coaching
- » Subsidies for dietician and performance psychology consults, and some recovery services
- » Complimentary group fitness classes by request for recovery from injury

Facilities

Complimentary access to:

- » The 50m indoor pool at the Sydney University Sports & Aquatic Centre
- » The gym and quiet study areas at Arena Sports Centre
- » The Ledge Climbing Centre
- » The David Mortimer High Performance Gym
- » Sport specific facilities by request (e.g. basketball and tennis courts, dojo, etc.)

Financial Assistance

- » Most Elite Athlete Program members are awarded with a Sydney Uni Sport Scholarship, as well as other scholarships and grants which are open to all student athletes e.g. International Travel Grants
- » Discounted accommodation and package fees for UniSport Nationals

Other

- » Complimentary Elite Athlete Program apparel/merchandise

Eligibility and Application

Membership of our Elite Athlete Program, along with eligibility for associated Sydney Uni Sport scholarships, is conditional upon your enrolment at the University of Sydney and your representation of Sydney University in sport, where possible. Support is prioritised for elite and emerging student athletes who:

- » Are training and competing in a high performance program administered by Sydney Uni Sport and/or a Sydney University sporting club
- » Represent Sydney University in their sport (i.e. in club or intervarsity competitions)
- » Compete in current or confirmed Olympic and Paralympic sports

Applications for 2027

- » **Open April 2026**
- » **Close January 2027**

Early conditional offers of membership and scholarship may be awarded in 2026. Most offers will be made in late January 2027.

Application fees apply.



Where to Start?

If you are interested in joining Sydney University for your sport and study journey, you are strongly encouraged to make enquiries with us as early as possible, especially if you are considering living in on-campus accommodation. Speaking with us when you're in Year 10 or 11 is not too early!

Usually, the best place to start is to get in touch with our relevant Sydney University sporting club or program to discuss representative expectations.

CONTACT US

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The Blue & Gold Tradition

The awarding of Blues began at Oxford and Cambridge Universities and is a tradition found at British and Australian universities. A Blue is an award earned by sports people who are studying at The University of Sydney, competing in the highest level sporting competition and have achieved outstanding sporting achievement.

Blues are nominated in October at the conclusion of the annual University sporting calendar and the successful nominees are presented with their Blues at the annual Blues Dinner. Blues earn the right to wear their Blues jacket in the traditional stripes of 'Blue and Gold' at all future events.



**Sydney Uni Sport is tremendously grateful
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