

## **BU Sport Scholarship application and selection process**

The details below will help you understand whether you meet the necessary levels to be awarded a BU Sport Scholarship and to understand the process that will be followed.

If successful, you may be awarded a combination of financial and/or support services depending on your need, level and experience. You should indicate the support required in your application.

### **Criteria**

To be awarded a financial and/or a support services scholarship, you must:

- Be a student at Bournemouth University who has received and accepted an offer of a place on an undergraduate or postgraduate course and have completed a minimum of 60 credits per year
- Demonstrate excellence in your chosen sport, be part of a Regional, National and/or International squad and compete at this level (individual athletes will also need to be competitive with top performers within the BUCS programme)
- Commit to continue to develop in the sporting arena in all aspects of Technical, Tactical, Physical, Mental and Lifestyle of your sport and to engage fully with our support programmes
- Ensure your application is supported by an online reference from a High Performance Coach or National Governing Body coach. If you are applying for a sport that sits outside our performance BUCS programme, you will need to ensure that two references are sent alongside your application.

### **Selection process**

- You need to complete the online application and ensure the relevant reference form(s) is submitted
- The deadline for applications is **31 August** (for September entry) or **30 November** (for January entry)
- There will be an initial panel meeting 10 days after the closing date and outcomes of any awards will be communicated within 7 days and/or further clarification given if required
- You will be ranked on merit as determined by the panel based on:
  - i. Reaching the minimum standards of the criteria
  - ii. Evidencing and/or showing the ability in completing all responsibilities
  - iii. Comments from the referee(s)
  - iv. Ability to compete in BUCS recognised sport
  - v. Whether you are in a Junior and/or Senior National/International squad and competing at that level (Individual athletes)
  - vi. Whether you are in a regional squad or above and competing at that level (Team Sport athletes).

## Responsibilities

- To maintain a strong engagement with all aspects of your academic pathway and form good relationships with lecturers and course leaders
- Compete for BU in BUCS Domestic Championships and represent English Universities or British Universities when selected
- Always portray BU and SportBU in a positive light and wear the SportBU kit at all competitions and photo opportunities
- Attend pre-season training which would start in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September
- To attend, support and promote sport specific training session run by SportBU
- You will be expected to maintain current performance levels in training and competition and to challenge/aspire to the next level or be able to demonstrate the potential to compete at these levels
- You may be asked to write blogs and/or produce vlogs prior, providing information of your profile and success during and after competitions for promotional purposes
- Attend the initial scholarship welcome evening and all other workshops provided
- We may ask you to attend Open Days and/or community events and also our Sporting Patrons welcome evening
- Meet with the Sports Performance Manager 2-3 times per season
- Completion of the Sport Scholar Profile Template shared via Dropbox (Weekly plan, annual plan, long term plan, development goals, performance aims, and finances)
- Commit to photographic sessions and allow these photos to be used for promotional purposes.

## Scholarship renewal

Where relevant, and in order for a scholarship to be renewed, you will be expected to detail and/or confirm the following to the Sport Performance Manager:

- That you are a BU student and completing a minimum of 60 credits per year. When you are on your placement year, you cannot be awarded any financial scholarship but could receive support
- That you will continue to meet your sporting profile of the original application and maintain all responsibilities or have demonstrated in previous seasons
- Advise of any relevant changes to the original application especially on sections 1, 3, 5 and 6
- You will attend a meeting with the Sports Performance Manager before the end of October (September starter) February (January starter) to identify/clarify development goals and performance aims and how the scholarship package will assist the season
- Evidence of attendance at least 75% of sport specific training sessions and what improvements have been made in previous season
- Evidence of attendance at least 85% of strength and conditioning sessions and what improvements have been made in previous season
- Attendance at the pre-season S&C sessions starting 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September
- Details of training and performance program between May to September
- Details of training and performance programme whilst on placement.

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