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INTRODUCTION

This document has been produced to help college Rugby League participants understand the opportunities available for them to combine their future academic study and interest in Rugby League at a Rugby League playing University.

This resource details the specific scholarship opportunities available within a number of institutes.

Please note, if the University you are applying to study at is not included on this list then this doesn't necessarily mean a scholarship isn't available. Please contact your Education Lead at the RFL Adam Hughes Adam.Hughes@rfl.co.uk who will assist you in understanding what opportunities are available to you.

A full list of Rugby League-playing universities can be found on page 17 of this document.



UNIVERSITY OF BATH



The University of Bath offers sport scholarships to student athletes who compete internationally in their sport who are completing an academic degree at the University of Bath. Each scholarship varies in size and consists of different criteria which needs to be adhered to in order to be successful.

Successful applicants typically meet the following requirements;

- Athletes who have accepted a place at the University of Bath.
- Athlete must have been accepted onto the Dual Career Programme.
- Athletes must contribute to British University Colleges and Sport (BUCS) points.
- Continuation of the scholarship each year is dependent on the recipient making satisfactory academic and sporting progress as reviewed by the panel.
- Applicants must apply with a statement referenced by their own coach and/or a Team Bath Coach in their respective sport.
- The Dual Career programme is designed for student-athletes who are studying a degree at the University of Bath and compete internationally in their sport. As well as being eligible for a sport scholarship, the Dual Career programme offers a variety of other benefits such as:
 - Free access to the gym within the Sports Training Village.
 - Access to a lifestyle advisor who helps student athletes understand and manage the demands of both their sporting and academic endeavours.
 - Up to 75% off professional qualifications such as personal training and sports massage.
 - Workshops and courses to develop skills such as time-management, communication and professional development.
- A Team Bath Support Services grant affords athletes training at the university access to science and medicine support services to the value of £1200 per annum.
- The Elite Athlete Fund offers financial assistance to University of Bath students who are selected to compete at World University Games or Championships.

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Athlete Support – athlete-support@bath.ac.uk

<http://www.teambath.com/athlete-zone/dual-career-programme/>

UCLAN offer a scholarship which is divided into 3 tiers depending on playing ability and representative honours.

Applicants should provide details of their playing history including evidence and personal endorsements from their coach(es). A panel will decide on the amount to be awarded based on this personal statement so it should be as detailed as possible.

Bronze: £1,000

Silver: £1,500

Gold: £2,000

As well as the financial offer, the UCLAN rugby league team is coached by a level 4 qualified coach and their athletes are supported with strength and conditioning programmes, nutritional advice and sports injury treatment and rehabilitation.

The team plays every Wednesday in the BUCS leagues with representative honours available with the North West regional squad and England students.

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Both undergraduate and postgraduate students in any mode of study are eligible to apply for a Sports Scholarship. This includes those from the UK, the EU and from overseas, and those students that have moved on to years two and three who were not previously eligible but whose performance has improved sufficiently for them to apply.

Level 1: this is for students at High County or National level, and consists of a total of £1500: £750 in cash and £750 towards support services.

Level 2: for students at High National or International level we offer a total of £3000: £1500 in cash and £1500 towards support services.

Each Scholarship consists of 50% direct financial support to fund training and competition/ travelling expenses (other expenses may be considered on merit), and 50% in non-financial support in the form of a tailored programme of support services such as strength and conditioning, physiotherapy and sports nutrition.

Applicants must:

- be able to demonstrate excellence in their chosen sporting activity at national or international level;
- be willing and able to represent the University at a high level in that sport;
- be participating in a sport that is recognised by Sport England (see the list on their website)

Although those participating in any sport on Sport England's list will be considered, preference is given to those competing in our Team Phoenix sports: currently cricket, rugby league, men's football, men's rugby union, karate, men's basketball, tennis and women's hockey.

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UNIVERSITY OF DERBY



The University of Derby is a sporting hub for talented athletes and coaches. We have a track record of improving the performance of our University Sports Clubs and we have created an infrastructure to provide a hub for talented athletes. With a significant investment in high class facilities, sport science expertise and performance level coaches we are attracting more and more talented performers.

We understand that it can be difficult to combine academic studies and sporting ambitions. We therefore aim to provide scholarship opportunities to assist talented individuals realise their sporting potential and support them through their academic.

Additional Benefits include:

- Strength & Conditioning support
- Physiotherapy support
- Fitness suite membership
- Lifestyle support services
- Discounted University Accommodation
- Sports science services
- Use of performance suite
- Sports scholarship kit
- Dedicated athlete liaison officer

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The University is offering a Sports Excellence Fund for 2017/18 entrants during their first year. At least 15 awards of up to £2,500 will be made, of which 5 will be available to disabled students. This funding supports students who perform within their sport at high National or International level and is paid in instalments throughout the academic year.

Eligibility

All Students will:

- be entering their first year of undergraduate study in September 2017
- have represented their sport at national or regional level or be able to demonstrate the potential to compete at these levels
- keep in contact with the Sports Scholarship Co-ordinator and attend meetings when necessary

Disabled students will also:

- be in receipt of benefits for their disability

Further information

We welcome applications from prospective students even if they have not yet received an offer, or had a place confirmed by the University.

Scholarship payments can only be made to students who are currently enrolled at the University of Gloucestershire on an eligible course.

Scholarships will be awarded each year to the best sportspersons from all applications submitted within the deadline.

Students studying on a part time basis who are awarded this scholarship will be paid pro-rata dependent on the amount of credits undertaken.

Scholarship funds are paid directly into the student's bank account, following regular interviews with the Sports Scholarship Co-ordinator. Payments will be made in four instalments; 20% in October 2017, 30% in December 2017, 30% in April 2018 and 20% in June 2018.

If an award is terminated for any reason, a student must repay the University any monies overpaid, based on a pro-rata calculation from the date of the termination of the scholarship.

Contact the Sports Scholarship Co-ordinator at sportscholarships@glos.ac.uk

The University of Hull Talented Athlete Programme (TAP) supports elite athletes as they combine academic and sporting excellence during their time at University. Athletes are provided with a tailored package of core services such as; strength & conditioning, rehab and sports experience support.

Here at the University of Hull we are committed to ensuring our elite student athletes are able to compete at the highest level, whilst studying for a world-class degree. Each year we award a number of elite sports scholarship packages to selected high performing athletes, who demonstrate aspirations to progress and achieve high levels of success within their chosen sport.

Our Talented Athlete programme recognises the individuality of each athlete, and that needs differ from sport to sport. Our programme is sympathetic to this, providing a unique approach that tailors our scholarships to the needs of each individual athlete.

Students on the Talented Athlete Programme can benefit from:

- A tailored financial offer
- An all-inclusive Fitness Centre membership
- Sports Science support
- Priority scheduling of training times
- Bespoke professional strength and conditioning support
- Physiotherapy support and sports massage
- Lifestyle advice and mentor support
- Psychology support
- Nutrition support and advice
- TAP sportswear
- Personal development support and guidance.

Access to TAP is through an application process with a selection panel awarding places based on an agreed criteria. E-mail Campussport@hull.ac.uk



Each year we award a number of Elite Sports Scholarship packages to selected high performing athletes who demonstrate aspirations to compete at the highest levels within their chosen sport. In order to be eligible for a Scholarship applicants must be competing at, or aspiring to compete at international level.

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The University of Leeds Sports Scholarships have a value-in-kind upwards of £1800 which includes:

- Access to the sports facilities for respective training programmes
- 'Cost of sport funding' to reduce overall cost of participating
- Physiotherapy support
- S&C support
- Nutrition support
- Lifestyle mentor and academic liaison support
- Gryphon kit
- Dual-career focus
- Eligible for financial support

Applications are accepted until 7th July and all Scholars are notified in September

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The Sports Scholarship Scheme was introduced in 2002. The aim of the scheme is to give scholarship holders the opportunity to develop their sporting performance alongside the pursuit of their academic studies. The scheme offers technical, pastoral and financial support.

Carnegie Focus Sports Scholarship

Carnegie Focus Sports Scholarships are offered for the following sports:

- Women's Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Squash, Tennis, Triathlon.
- Financial support towards fees or as an honorarium.
- Sports Membership for 2017/18 academic year.
- AU Sport Club Membership for 2017/18 academic year, for your sport.
- At least two Strength & Conditioning sessions per week.
- Sports Scholarship clothing

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If they want further information they can contact me using the details below.

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The sports scholarship is a programme that offers students at the University of Leicester additional support so that they may continue their sporting lives alongside their academic students while at Leicester. The programme consists of a number of elements across different areas that look to help a student reach their potential. The sports scholarship at the University of Leicester is split into 3 categories, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

Scholarship Programme Eligibility and Criteria

You must:

- Have applied for any full-time undergraduate/postgraduate programme at the University of Leicester for the 2017/18 academic year and selected us as your FIRM choice or be a current registered student for the 2017/18 academic year.
- Be able to demonstrate your sporting achievements
- Provide a valid reference from a suitable adult e.g. coach or teacher at your school or college
- Be an ambassador for your sport with a commitment to supporting the development and performance of the relevant University sports clubs for your sport (in place)
- Be able to demonstrate a commitment to striving for personal excellence
- Meet the minimum grade requirements of your offer from the University of Leicester

Additional Requirements (Scholarship specific)

Silver

- Hold a current performance level equal or equivalent to “county or regional standard” for your sport.

Gold

- Hold a performance level equal or equivalent to “National Representation” for your sport within the last 18 months.

Platinum

- Hold a performance level equal or equivalent to “International standard” for your sport within the last 18 months.

Provided you fulfil all the above requirements, we will accept applications from a wide variety of sports.

Whilst we do have target sports as a University we do endeavour to support all BUCS sports where possible.

For informal enquiries please contact Liz Jennings on emj9@le.ac.uk

The Elite Athlete scheme at Sport Liverpool is designed to support and help the very best student athletes in any sporting discipline who are competing at a Junior, Under 21 or Senior regional, national and international level balance an academic and sporting career. Successful applicants will normally be part of a National Governing Body (NGB) Performance Pathway however; we welcome applications from all students who feel they can significantly improve our university team and individual results.

The scheme provides the flexibility and assistance you need to combine your undergraduate or postgraduate studies with training and competition commitments at the highest levels of sport. The scheme is open to both home and international students, and depending on the category you compete at we offer two levels of the scheme.

To gain a place you will need to demonstrate the ability and ambition to compete at a high level and satisfy the academic entry requirements for your course (these are not reduced for elite athletes). You will need to provide a reference from a Coach or an NGB official.

Elite Athlete Support Scheme (Level One)

Prospective and ongoing students will be able to apply for this elite level scheme if they are on a NGB Performance Pathway and of junior or senior international standard. Such athletes will receive a services and support package to aid them in their development. This includes but is not limited to physiotherapy, sports psychology, strength & conditioning, Sports and Fitness Centre membership plus a cash contribution to help facilitate competition, travel and equipment requirements.

Athlete Support Scheme (Level Two)

This scheme will support students who as a minimum are competing at a high level within a BUCS sport. Students will need to demonstrate within their application that they can positively assist our strategic targets to increase our BUCS standings. Successful students will receive support via a service package of physiotherapy, sports psychology, strength and conditioning support alongside a complementary Sports and Fitness Centre membership.

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MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY



Our programme recognises and is tailored to each athlete's individual needs.

The total package is worth up to £7,000 per year. Additional University support is available for exceptional applicants.

- Up to 20% off fees
- Discounted Sport Scholar townhouse accommodation
- Financial expense contribution
- Access to top class sporting facilities, either on campus or within a ten minute drive
- Personalised sport science support
- Bespoke nutritional support
- Physiotherapy and Sports massage
- Access to our performance sport science suite - take a tour
- Bespoke strength and conditioning programmes
- Free sports club membership for team athletes
- Lifestyle support

We are proud to be a part of a world-class sporting city, and confident in our programme's ability to enhance dual-career athletes.

The amount offered will be determined by the University's Sport Scholarship committee and each case is considered on its own merit.

To be an MMU Sports Scholar, athletes must meet the following criteria:

- Currently studying for or in acceptance of a place on a full-time or part-time undergraduate or postgraduate degree at Manchester Met
- Be competing at regional, national or international level
- Participate in a sport recognised by Sport England
- Be able to represent Manchester Metropolitan University in their sport
- Meet the academic requirements of their course
- Be able to provide reliable referees

It can be difficult to combine sport and study, which is why, each year, Team Northumbria offers generous sport scholarships to talented athletes studying at Northumbria University. Team Northumbria offers over 80 sport scholarships across BUCS sports ranging from packages of support to help develop student athletes, to full fee scholarships for those who have competed at a professional or international level.

Team Northumbria are an established part of the BUCS Premier League for rugby league made up of the best 12 universities in the country. Team Northumbria have topped Premier North for the last two consecutive years and won the BUCS Rugby League championship in 2016-17.

Team Northumbria offer 3 types of scholarships, which include access to support services tailored to athlete's needs, as well as additional funding that can be used towards tuition fees or the cost of living.

Gold – Full fees up to £10,000, Silver – up to £3,000, Bronze – up to £1,000

All packages include:

- Performance coaching
- Strength and conditioning
- Physiotherapy & deep tissue massage
- Performance Analysis
- Gym membership worth £260
- Sport Scholar kit
- Athlete education programme (including nutrition, sport psychology, recovery techniques, injury prevention, time management and more)

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UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM



University of Nottingham Sport is at the forefront of blending academic excellence with international sporting success. Nottingham operates the most extensive range of sports teams and facilities in UK Higher Education and has always been in the top ten of the British Universities and College Sports (BUCS) rankings, with two Rugby League sides and an intention to grow the sport as the number of performance players allows. Most recently, our Rugby League team were BUCS League and Trophy Cup Winners in 2016-17 and now compete in the BUCS Premier League.

There are four levels of Sports Scholarship at the University of Nottingham and each provide support services including:

- Sport & Fitness Membership
- Strength and Conditioning
- Physiotherapy
- Nutrition
- Psychology
- UKAD advice
- Academic and lifestyle mentoring

The four levels are:

- Foundation- Support services only (County, academy and above or equivalent)
- Bronze- Support Services and up to £500-1000 (GB U19, England U18/19 or equivalent)
- Silver- Support Services and up to £2000-4000 (GB U23 or England U21 or equivalent)
- Gold- Support Services and up to £5000-8000 (Full Senior International level or equivalent)

Please note meeting the criteria does not guarantee an award of a scholarship.

Awards are made annually and we have several Olympic and World Champions within our alumni. We support athletes in a very wide range of sports and encourage all of county standard and above to apply.

For more info please contact:

eliteathlete@nottingham.ac.uk or go to www.nottingham.ac.uk/performancesport

NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY



NTU Sport

Nottingham Trent University

Nottingham Trent University Men's Rugby League team compete within the Premier South league, which exists as the highest BUCS (British Universities & Colleges Sport) league in University Rugby League.

The scholarship support package features in 5 levels:

- Platinum (Exceptional International athletes) – Up to £10,000 of support
- Tier 1 (Junior International athletes) – Up to £8,000 of support
- Tier 2 (Academy athletes)- Up to £6000
- Tier 3 (Regional Rugby League representation) – Up to £3500
- NTU Supported Athlete (Development Centre Involvement) – Up to £500

The entire Sport Scholarship package includes:

- Undergraduate/Postgraduate Tuition fee support
- Financial Bursary
- Gym & High Performance Centre Membership
- BUCS Entry, Subs and Affiliation fees
- BUCS Kit (Shorts, Socks)
- 1:1 Strength & Conditioning
- 1:1 Sports Nutrition
- 1:1 Sports Psychology
- Scholar Kit

For more info please contact:

sportscholarships@ntu.ac.uk or by telephoning +44 (0) 115 848 3467

Our scholarship packages, sponsored by Santander, are available to incoming or current Oxford Brookes students who have played to a representative level or demonstrate excellent performance.

There are 3 scholarship packages available for Rugby League players: Bronze, Silver and Gold. All scholars will have their sporting costs covered and receive free access to our gym facilities, discounted rates for physiotherapy and optional lifestyle support from our trained advisors.

Additionally, Gold and Silver scholars will receive free physiotherapy, Oxford Brookes performance clothing, lifestyle support and nutritional advice, a specific strength and conditioning programme designed by our TASS-accredited performance team and a small financial contribution towards sporting costs - £250-750 for Silver and £750-2000 for Gold scholarship packages.

Through our partnership with Oxford Rugby League, our Rugby League dual-career athletes also have access to a pathway into the club's Kingstone Press League 1 programme, as well as midweek BUCS competition in Midlands Conference 1A.

For more information on our scholarship packages, visit <http://www.brookes.ac.uk/brookes-sport/clubs-teams-and-athletes/scholarships/>

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RUGBY LEAGUE PLAYING UNIVERSITIES

Aberystwyth University

Bangor University

University of Bath

University of Birmingham

University of Bradford

University of Bristol

Brunel University

University of Cambridge

University of Central Lancashire

University of Chester (Chester)

Coventry University

University of Cumbria

University of Derby

Durham University

Edge Hill University

Edinburgh Napier,

University of Essex

University of Exeter

University of Glamorgan

University of Gloucestershire

University of Huddersfield

University of Hull

Imperial University

Lancaster University

University of Leeds

Leeds Metropolitan University (Carnegie)

Leeds Trinity University College

University of Leicester

University of Liverpool

University of Lincoln

Liverpool John Moores University

Loughborough University

University of Manchester

Manchester Metropolitan University

Middlesex University MMU Cheshire

Newcastle University

University of Northampton

Northumbria University

University of Nottingham

Nottingham Trent University

Oxford University

Oxford Brookes University

Reading University

University of Salford

University of Sheffield

Sheffield Hallam University

St Mary's University College

Swansea University

Teesside University

University of the West of England (UWE)

University of Warwick

York St John University