At Macquarie, we recognise that balancing the demands of elite sporting performance with academic achievement can be tough.

We offer a wide range of support services and development opportunities to elite and emerging athletes and performers to ensure you achieve both academic and sporting success while you study.

STUDY TO EXCEL

As a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) network, we support our athletes to achieve academic excellence while they also pursue a sporting career.

We offer three tiers of scholarship – Elite, Emerging and EAFU – as well as our Sport Scholar Ambassador Program.

BENEFITS OF BEING A SPORT SCHOLAR

In addition to financial and other support, our dedicated team is able to help sport scholars with:

• academic planning advice and guidance
• negotiating flexibility to meet academic requirements
• advocacy within the university environment
• cross-institutional study or credit transfer arrangements
• financial assistance (where applicable)
• travel subsidy (where applicable)
• high-performance services (where applicable)
• general advice and support as needed.

Sport scholars also have access to:

• a 25-metre indoor heated pool and a 50-metre outdoor pool, indoor and outdoor multipurpose courts and fitness centre at Macquarie University Sport and Aquatic Centre
• multiple outdoor playing fields including football, AFL and cricket fields
• a tennis centre (synthetic, clay and hard courts).

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2020 INFORMATION BOOK
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### Elite Athletes
Open to athletes competing at a national (open) championship or professional level who are recognised by the relevant national sporting body as elite, or who are a member of a national development squad. You will need to demonstrate:
- National squad membership or equivalent (AIS) and/or
- Consistent international representation in open teams and individual sports competition
- Top five national open ranking for individual sports (for the year prior to application)
- Participation in national professional sporting competitions.

**Benefits**
- Academic liaison and support as outlined in the Macquarie University EAFU charter
- Access to Mentors@MQ Sport and the Macquarie Sport Alumni Program
- Annual scholarship of up to $3000 for educational or sporting expenses
- Annual membership to the Macquarie University Sport and Aquatic Centre valued at more than $700
- Nationals (UniSport Intervarsity events) subsidies
- Opportunity to apply for a Personal Training Scholarship (excludes professional athletes)
- Personal development seminars and tutorials
- Sport scholar uniform
- Ticket to Macquarie’s annual Blues Awards

### Emerging Athletes
Open to athletes competing at a national (underage) or a state (open) level. To qualify for an Emerging Athletes scholarship, you will need to demonstrate:
- National aged squad membership or equivalent (AIS)
- State squad open membership or equivalent (NSWIS)
- Top 10 national age ranking for individual sports (for the year prior to application)
- You are a finalist at age or open competition.

**Benefits**
- Academic liaison and support as outlined in the  Macquarie University EAFU charter
- Access to Mentors@MQ Sport and the Macquarie Sport Alumni Program
- Annual membership to the Macquarie University Sport and Aquatic Centre valued at more than $700
- Nationals (UniSport Intervarsity events) subsidies
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### EAFU Supported Athletes
Open to athletes competing at a state (underage) level. You will need to demonstrate state aged or equivalent (ie NSWIS achievement).

**Benefits**
- Academic liaison and support as outlined in the Macquarie University EAFU charter
- Access to Mentors@MQ Sport and the Macquarie Sport Alumni Program
- Personal development seminars and tutorials.

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### Eligibility requirements
To qualify for the Elite Athlete Program, you must either be a national squad member from Sport Australia funded sports or recognised as an elite athlete by one of the following sport bodies:
- Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)
- State Institute of Sport or Academy of Sport
- AFL Players’ Association
- Australian Cricketers’ Association
- Rugby Union Players’ Association
- Rugby League Professionals Association
- Professional Footballers Australia

If you are not recognised by one of the above bodies, you can submit an application for consideration as an emerging athlete or an EAFU-supported athlete at the University. Scholarships are awarded at the scholarship committee’s discretion.
Macquarie provides a range of opportunities for professional development and learning through our Sport Scholar Ambassador Program.

Sport Scholar Ambassador Program

REPRESENT MACQUARIE

Our sport scholar ambassadors are outstanding student athletes who have excellent communication skills, are highly engaged in life at Macquarie and are willing to promote the University to current and prospective students.

We promote the Sport Scholar Ambassador Program and ambassador roles through our website and social media, and external media.

SPORT SCHOLAR RESPONSIBILITIES

Our sport scholar ambassadors undertake the following activities:

• conduct tours of the Macquarie campus
• discuss their Macquarie journey and extracurricular activities with prospective students
• deliver professional presentations to internal and external stakeholders
• engage in online chats and social media interactions
• guide and support prospective students in on-campus activities
• perform in promotional videos that market the University
• promote the University to prospective students
• provide information to prospective students on degrees, study options and pathways
• represent the University at events and programs
• represent the University at sporting events, information evenings and Open Day
• share their experience of making the transition to university with prospective students.

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Events and competitions

GET INVOLVED

NATIONALS
Nationals is a multi-sport, multi-tiered competition that fields teams from Australian universities and tertiary institutions. Macquarie enters teams that compete in both Nationals Divisions 1 and 2 across a number of sports.

SOCIAL SPORT
To accommodate the wide variety of social competitions we offer, our social competitions are held at both the Macquarie University Sport and Aquatic Centre and the Macquarie University Sport Fields. Social sports include basketball, futsal, netball, Footy, netball, touch football, tennis and football. These are offered throughout the year, depending on the session and season.

INTERCOLLEGE COMPETITION
Traditionally each year, the University hosts Dunmore Lang College, Macquarie University Village and Robert Menzies College in a variety of sporting challenges throughout each session.

BLUES AWARDS
Macquarie held its first Blues Awards Dinner in September 1972, celebrating winners from 1970 and 1971. During the past four decades, Blues have continued to be awarded for outstanding achievement in university sport. The awards exemplify the extraordinary level of sporting brilliance at Macquarie and are an honour that becomes the highlight of many sporting careers. The Blues Awards Dinner is held annually.

CLUB SPORT
Sport clubs at Macquarie began as early as 1967, with foundation clubs including the Cricket Club, MacAlpine Ski Club, Rugby Union Club, Soccer Club and Squash Club. Today, we offer more than 17 sporting club options for both Macquarie students and non-students.
We support elite athlete scholars in a range of areas to balance the demands of their training and competition with academic requirements.

**FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS**

**ASSESSMENT-RELATED NEEDS**
We help you negotiate assessment deadlines based on your sporting travel commitments and can arrange for exams to be sat externally (under exam conditions) within your current environment, such as other universities. We also waive the minimum attendance requirements at lectures, tutorials or practicals where you are unavailable due to sporting commitments.

**ENROLMENT-RELATED NEEDS**
We tailor your academic study load to integrate with your sporting commitments, including negotiating lecture and tutorial timetables, extending minimum time to complete degrees due to periods of decreased study load, arranging for leaves of absence where required (eg during Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games years) and provide cross-institutional study options with interstate universities.

**FLEXIBLE STUDY ARRANGEMENTS**
We provide summer study alternatives including the ability to swap between distance education mode and on-campus mode, depending on sporting commitments.

**RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING**
We ensure that any credit achieved at other universities is recognised.

**COURSE-RELATED NEEDS**
We provide access to distance education materials and class notes for missed lectures, tutorials or practicals.

**HOW TO APPLY**

**Step 1**
Go to [mq.edu.au/study/admissions/how-to-apply/applying/adjustment-factors/athletes-and-performers](http://mq.edu.au/study/admissions/how-to-apply/applying/adjustment-factors/athletes-and-performers)

**Step 2**
Click on ‘apply’ and complete the application and supporting documentation through the online portal

**Step 3**
We will contact you to discuss your application

**KEY DATES**

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**December 2019**
Macquarie sport scholarship offers are released

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. **What is expected of scholarship holders?**
   Where applicable, scholarship holders in the Elite Athlete Program are expected to:
   - represent Macquarie at intervarsity competitions
   - participate in and/or assist Macquarie in their respective sport
   - promote and support Macquarie in the broader community
   - meet any additional obligations as required in their individual agreement.

2. **What is the scholarship duration?**
   Each scholarship is provided to student athletes for a one-year duration after which you can reapply for each subsequent year you are studying.

3. **Can I access any extra financial support?**
   Scholarship holders in the Elite Athlete Program may receive a small financial grant, providing they meet certain criteria (these will be set out in your scholarship contract).
   - Small grants are also available to student athletes who represent their state or country.

4. **Can I study part time?**
   Yes, you can study part time or full time at Macquarie.

5. **I’m an international student. Can I apply?**
   Yes, providing you meet the selection criteria.

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**Scholars say**

“Macquarie’s Sport Scholarship Program has made the world of difference to my studies. As a female athlete playing in a sport that is considered only semi-professional, it’s incredibly important to me to be studying and ensuring I have a career after sport.

“After recently transferring to Macquarie, balancing my studies with training has been incredibly easy. Whether it involves having a class swapped due to clashes with training and competition or needing an extension due to travel, the staff always ensure that these challenges are resolved with the least amount of stress and disruption.

“The Sport Scholarship Program at Macquarie has further allowed me to contribute to university life through their Ambassador Program. It is because of my involvement as a scholar that I am able to train and study at my best self!”

Kiera Austin – GWS Giants Netball
BACHELOR OF MEDICAL SCIENCE

“With the assistance of the Macquarie University Sport Scholarship Program, I have been able to keep a manageable balance between studying full-time and competing internationally. While the international season is hectic and constantly clashing with university commitments, the team at Macquarie is brilliant at facilitating healthy relationships with course convenors and at allowing me to continue my studies throughout busy travel periods.

“From the dozens of support letters to last-minute phone calls to the team as I desperately try to figure out how I’m going to make it work for yet another semester, the team at Macquarie has always had my back, and I couldn’t ask for more.”

Thomas Craig – Hockey
BACHELOR OF LAWS
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