



## Terms and Conditions for Sport Scholarships

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## 1. Scope

These terms and conditions apply to the University of Bath's sport scholarships financial support framework for prospective and current students. These guidelines do not cover financial support made under other University schemes or government loan or grant frameworks. This document outlines the full terms and conditions of this scheme and you should read these before you submit your application.

## 2. Terminology and definitions

2.1 A **scholarship** is a non-repayable cash award. The eligibility criteria for scholarships usually involve an element of academic, sporting or other special merit and, in some cases, are based on your student loans household income assessment. They are highly competitive, discretionary and cannot be guaranteed. Therefore, even if you meet all the relevant criteria your application may not be successful. Scholarships are paid in instalments and there are no restrictions on how you spend any award. Scholarships come from a variety of sources and are mainly funded through the generosity of alumni, our corporate partners Santander and other donors.

## 3. Eligibility and Application

- 3.1 Our scholarship schemes have specific eligibility criteria which are set out in this document. The allocation of these scholarships is competitive and so not all applications received will be successful. Only successful recipients of an award will be notified.
- 3.2 Any household income related Sports Scholarship awards are based on a supporting statement as well as student loan household income assessment, academic merit and sporting ability. All criteria are outlined below.
- 3.3 Continuation of any Sports Scholarship will be dependent on the recipient making satisfactory academic and sporting progress. Failure to achieve both satisfactory academic and sporting standards may result in the termination of the Scholarship. The Scholarship may be held in addition to any other Scholarships or assistance the Recipient may be eligible to receive, from the University or other funding bodies.
- 3.4 Students who are unsuccessful in their application to receive a sport scholarship may re-apply each year of their undergraduate or postgraduate course, unless stated in the eligibility criteria set below.

## 4. Bill Whiteley Sport Scholarship

### The Bill Whiteley Sport Scholarship (one available)

The successful applicant will receive:

- £5000 per annum for up to four years of study

Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata (i.e., if they complete one full time academic year of study over two years, they will receive half the scholarship each year).

No scholarship is payable during a placement period.

### Eligibility criteria for the Bill Whiteley Sport Scholarship (campus-based courses)

If you wish to be considered for this scholarship you MUST meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be an eligible UK student
- be registered on a full-time **campus-based** undergraduate programme of at least three years duration in the School of Management, Faculty of Engineering & Design, Faculty of Science or Department of Economics
- be a first-year undergraduate
- currently be recognised as an elite athlete within any sport and evidence this within your scholarship application form to our satisfaction
- have the ability to represent the University; contribute to and/or win University National titles and have the potential to make a positive impact on the University's sports standing
- have a recommendation from a University of Bath coach, home coach or NGB official/coach (applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered)

## 5. Ivor Powell Sport Scholarship

### Ivor Powell Sports Scholarship (one available\*)

The successful applicant will receive:

- £2000 per annum for up to three years of study

Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata (i.e., if they complete one full time academic year of study over two years, they will receive half the scholarship each year).

No scholarship is payable during a placement period.

### Eligibility criteria for the Ivor Powell Sport Scholarship (campus-based courses)

If you wish to be considered for this scholarship you MUST meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be an eligible UK student
- be registered on a full-time **campus-based** undergraduate, postgraduate or foundation/Hons top-up degree programme
- have elite performance potential and compete in one of the following sports: athletics, badminton, football, hockey, judo, netball, rugby, swimming or tennis OR be competing at an elite level in another sport
- have the ability to represent the University and contribute to and/or win University National titles
- have a recommendation from a University of Bath coach, home coach or NGB official/coach (applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered)

*\*Awarded when donations to the Ivor Powell Scholarship Fund reach a level to commit for a 3-year period*

## 6. Santander Sport Scholarship

### Santander Sport Scholarship (one available)

The successful applicant will receive:

- £2000 per annum for up to three years of study

Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata (i.e., if they complete one full time academic year of study over two years, they will receive half the scholarship each year).

No scholarship is payable during a placement period.

### Eligibility criteria for the Santander Sport Scholarship (campus-based courses)

If you wish to be considered for this scholarship you MUST meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be an eligible University of Bath student
- be registered on a full-time **campus-based** undergraduate, postgraduate or foundation/Hons top-up degree programme
- have the ability to become, or currently be recognised, as an elite international athlete within any sport and evidence this within the scholarship application form to our satisfaction
- have the ability to represent the University and contribute to and/or win University National titles
- have a recommendation from a University of Bath coach, home coach or NGB official/coach (applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered)

*Priority will be given to students with a household income of £42,875 or below and/or those that can provide evidence of widening participation measures that cannot be collected through external sources via the supporting statement.*

*These awards are discretionary and are awarded to those who the University and/or corporate partners deem to be the most deserving in its sole discretion.*

## 7. Thompson Education Trust Sport Scholarship

### Thompson Education Trust Sport Scholarship (one available every 3 years)

The successful applicant will receive:

- £2500 per annum for up to three years of study

Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata (i.e., if they complete one full time academic year of study over two years, they will receive half the scholarship each year).

No scholarship is payable during a placement period.

### Eligibility criteria for the Thompson Education Trust Sport Scholarship (campus-based courses)

If you wish to be considered for this scholarship you MUST meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be an eligible UK student
- be registered on a full-time **campus-based** undergraduate course or postgraduate course in the Faculty of Science or Department for Health
- currently compete at junior international level or above in any sport
- have the ability to represent the University and contribute to and/or win University National titles
- have a recommendation from a University of Bath coach, home coach or NGB official/coach (applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered)

*\*Priority will be given to students with a household income of £42,875 or below.*

## 8. Trendell Sport Scholarship

### Trendell Sport Scholarship (one available)

The successful applicant will receive:

- £2500 per annum for up to three years of study

Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata (i.e., if they complete one full time academic year of study over two years, they will receive half the scholarship each year).

No scholarship is payable during a placement period.

### Eligibility criteria for the Trendell Sport Scholarship (campus-based courses)

If you wish to be considered for this scholarship you MUST meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be an eligible UK student
- be registered on a full-time **campus-based** undergraduate, postgraduate or foundation/Hons top-up degree programme
- have elite performance potential and compete in one of the following sports: athletics, badminton, football, hockey, judo, netball, rugby, swimming or tennis OR be competing at an elite level in another sport
- have the ability to represent the University and contribute to and/or win University National titles
- have a recommendation from a University of Bath coach, home coach or NGB official/coach (applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered)

*\*Priority will be given to students with a household income of £42,875 or below.*

## 9. Matrix Sport Scholarship

### Matrix Sport Scholarship (one available every 3 years)

The successful applicant will receive:

- £1000 per annum for up to three years of study

Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata (i.e., if they complete one full time academic year of study over two years, they will receive half the scholarship each year).

No scholarship is payable during a placement period.

### Eligibility criteria for the Matrix Sport Scholarship (campus-based courses)

If you wish to be considered for this scholarship you MUST meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be an eligible UK student
- be registered on a full-time **campus-based** undergraduate, postgraduate or foundation/Hons top-up degree programme
- have elite performance potential and compete in one of the following sports: athletics, badminton, football, hockey, judo, netball, rugby, swimming or tennis OR be competing at an elite level in another sport
- have the ability to represent the University and contribute to and/or win University National titles
- have a recommendation from a University of Bath coach, home coach or NGB official/coach (applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered)

## 10. Lewis Sport Scholarship

### Lewis Sport Scholarship (one available every 3 years)

The successful applicant will receive:

- £2000 per annum for up to three years of study

Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata (i.e., if they complete one full time academic year of study over two years, they will receive half the scholarship each year).

No scholarship is payable during a placement period.

### Eligibility criteria for the Lewis Sport Scholarship (campus-based courses)

If you wish to be considered for this scholarship you MUST meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be an eligible UK student
- be registered on a full-time **campus-based** undergraduate, postgraduate or foundation/Hons top-up degree programme
- have elite performance potential and compete in one of the following sports: athletics, badminton, football, hockey, judo, netball, rugby, swimming or tennis OR be competing at an elite level in another sport
- have the ability to represent the University and contribute to and/or win University National titles
- have a recommendation from a University of Bath coach, home coach or NGB official/coach (applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered)

*\*Priority will be given to students with a household income of £42,875 or below*

## 11. Buchan Jones Sport Scholarship

### Buchan Jones Sport Scholarship (one available every 3 years)

The successful applicant will receive:

- £2500 per annum for up to three years of study

Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata (i.e., if they complete one full time academic year of study over two years, they will receive half the scholarship each year).

No scholarship is payable during a placement period.

### Eligibility criteria for the Buchan Jones Sport Scholarship (campus-based courses)

If you wish to be considered for this scholarship you MUST meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be an eligible UK student
- be registered on a full-time **campus-based** undergraduate, postgraduate or foundation/Hons top-up degree programme
- have elite performance potential and compete in one of the following sports: athletics, badminton, football, hockey, judo, netball, rugby, swimming or tennis OR be competing at an elite level in another sport
- have the ability to represent the University and contribute to and/or win University National titles
- have a recommendation from a University of Bath coach, home coach or NGB official/coach (applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered)

## 12. Goldsmith Sport Scholarship

### Goldsmith Sport Scholarship (one available every 3 years)

The successful applicant will receive:

- £1250 per annum for up to three years of study

Recipients studying part-time will be paid pro-rata (i.e., if they complete one full time academic year of study over two years, they will receive half the scholarship each year).

No scholarship is payable during a placement period.

### Eligibility criteria for the Goldsmith Sport Scholarship (campus-based courses)

If you wish to be considered for this scholarship you **MUST** meet the following eligibility criteria:

- be an eligible UK student
- be registered on a full-time **campus-based** undergraduate, postgraduate or foundation/Hons top-up degree programme
- have elite performance potential and compete in one of the following sports: athletics, badminton, football, hockey, judo, netball, rugby, swimming or tennis OR be competing at an elite level in another sport
- have the ability to represent the University and contribute to and/or win University National titles
- have a recommendation from a University of Bath coach, home coach or NGB official/coach (applications which only state a coach's email without a full supporting statement may not be considered)

*\*Priority will be given to students with a household income of £42,875 or below*

## 13. General Conditions

13.1 Successful candidates will need to:

- 13.1.1 provide a hand-written thank you letter addressed to their donor in accordance with guidance provided by the Department of Development and Alumni Relations.
- 13.1.2 Attend a Scholar Welcome session in the first semester and the Scholar reception in the second semester.
- 13.1.3 Provide a progress report at the end of each academic year, which will be shared with their donor to update them on the scholar's time at the University of Bath. Providing this report is a prerequisite for future payments. You will be prompted to provide this towards the end of the second semester.
- 13.1.4 Attend a sport scholars photo-shoot with Matchtight Limited for the University and Team Bath website and newsletter.

13.2 Unsuccessful candidates will have the opportunity to re-apply for scholarships the following year if they meet the eligibility criteria, except for the Bill Whiteley Sport Scholarship.

13.3 An award will not be taken away if your household income eligibility changes in any subsequent year, there will not be any routine reassessment of household income year-to-year.

13.4 If you join the University and are transferring directly into Year 2 or 3 of your studies, you will not be eligible for our Bill Whiteley scholarship but may apply for all other scholarships.

## **14. Application and Selection**

- 14.1 Scholarships will only be awarded to those successful applicants who meet the eligibility criteria at the time of allocation.
- 14.2 Applicants must apply via the [Team Bath](#) Sports Scholarships home page:
- 14.2.1 Information on application opening and closing dates can be found on the Sports Scholarships home page.
- 14.3 There will be a panel process to support the University's selection of applicants.
- 14.4 Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be emailed the outcome of their application after the panel has met.
- 14.5 For scholarships where household income is a consideration, we will liaise with the Admissions and Funding team to check that applicant's assessed household income, as shared with the University by their student loans awarding agency for bursary and scholarship purposes, is within the threshold for this scheme. They will not divulge what the actual applicant's income is and only confirm if it meets the eligibility requirements. Applicants who did not apply to their student loans awarding agency to be income assessed will not be eligible for these scholarships. Applicants will only be awarded these scholarships subject to confirmation of their household income.
- 14.6 The University cannot be responsible for any errors or omissions in the information supplied to it and on which eligibility decisions are based. All award decisions are made at the University's discretion. The University's decision on the interpretation of eligibility criteria is final and there is no right of appeal.
- 14.7 You cannot be considered for an award if you have not completed the appropriate application form to apply for our sport scholarship schemes and submitted appropriate evidence. Awards cannot be claimed retrospectively.
- 14.8 The final deadline date to apply for a University of Bath Sport Scholarship can be found on [www.teambath.com/athlete-zone/scholarships](http://www.teambath.com/athlete-zone/scholarships).
- 14.9 The University reserves the right to alter its allocation schedule.

## **15. Failure to meet scholarship performance levels**

- 15.1 Scholarships may be withdrawn at any point if you no longer meet any specific course requirements, sporting performance or other progression criteria. This is at the discretion of the University and/or the scholarship funder.

## **16. Payment**

- 16.1 Sport Scholarships will normally be paid in three equal instalments during each academic year of study. You will be notified in your award email about the payment schedule.

## 17. Placement Periods

17.1 For the purposes of the Sport Scholarship schemes a placement is defined as any of the following:

17.1.1 The full or half year placement option which forms an integral part of any thick or thin sandwich course which has a defined UCAS code that identifies it as an undergraduate degree course with a placement;

17.1.2 Made up of paid or unpaid employment, research or study abroad. These periods normally attract a reduced tuition fee liability;

17.1.3 Optional additional study abroad placements (normally completed in Semester 1 of your fourth year of studies), provided that placement rates (not full tuition fee rates) are payable by you to the University during this period.

17.2 The BSc (Hons) Social Work and Applied Social Sciences course has practice learning opportunities as part of the course and these are not considered as a placement under these Terms and Conditions.

17.3 For courses that are defined as a thin placement course (e.g. Business Administration), bursaries and scholarships are applied on a pro rata basis across the relevant placement years.

17.4 Sport scholarships will not be paid for any paid or unpaid placement period.

## 18. Honours top up year

18.1 If you graduate in the Foundation Degree in Sports Performance, and continue immediately onto the Honours top up year, then you will continue to receive your sport scholarship if you continue to meet the scholarship criteria and both the University of Bath and the scholarship funder are satisfied of this. If you take a break in your studies before continuing, then your scholarship will no longer be payable and you will have to re-apply in your final year of study (please note that even if you were successful in the past, as awards are discretionary and cannot be guaranteed even if you meet all the criteria, you cannot assume that any such future application will be successful).

## 19. Changes to study

19.1 If you change your course or mode of study and are in receipt of an award which is for example course/mode specific, it may be withdrawn. If you make any change to your original course of study you must notify the [Department of Development and Alumni Relations](#) immediately, as it may affect your continued eligibility for the scholarship.

## 20. Suspensions and withdrawal from studies

20.1 If you suspend or withdraw from your studies, then you will not be eligible to receive any future award payments in that academic year. You must notify the [Performance Sport Officer](#) and the [Department of Development and Alumni Relations](#) of your change in circumstances immediately, as it may affect your continued eligibility.

20.2 If you suspend or withdraw from your studies, then any donor or corporate scholarship paid to you may have to be repaid at the discretion of the University and the relevant donor or corporate partner.

## 21. Repeating or deferring your studies

- 21.1 Awards will not be paid during any repeat period(s) of study. This includes a repeat of the same programme (i.e. if a student fails year 1) and takes it again in a subsequent academic year. It also includes studying for a different programme in the same academic year, (i.e. if a student receives a scholarship and then changes courses part way through the year). Students will only ever receive a payment for the first time that they study year 1, year 2, year 3 etc. of any degree programme, (so if a student completed year 1 of an engineering course and then changed to a biology degree, they would not be entitled to any payment for the first year of that biology programme, as they would have already studied at year 1 undergraduate level.)
- 21.2 If you defer or withdraw and restart your studies, any award already offered will become void. You will have to re-apply if you re-start your studies subsequently and want to be considered for a scholarship then (i.e. the following year). Even if you were originally successful in your application, that does not mean that you will necessarily be successful in any application made for an award subsequently.
- 21.3 If you make changes to your study pattern where for example the units are split across two years, payments will normally be paid pro-rata to reflect the credit split. Some scholarship funders may continue to pay the scholar in full, however such decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis and will be at the discretion of the University and the donor.

## 22. Disciplinary action and fraudulent applications

- 22.1 The University reserves the right to terminate a scholarship award in the case of any disciplinary action being taken against an award-holder. The University may also seek repayment of any scholarship on a pro rata basis, should your award be terminated due to disciplinary action being taken. Cases will be considered on an individual basis by the Head of Student Support Services in their discretion and their decision is final.
- 22.2 The University reserves the right to withdraw an award from anyone who is found to have misled the University about any aspect of their eligibility and to seek repayment of any monies already paid to them. In such cases, the University may seek to recover any money paid as a debt in the county court (in which case it may also seek to recover additional sums such as interest, court fees and legal costs). We may request at any point, for audit purposes, evidence of any widening participation criteria as stated in your application.

## 23. Definitions

The following definitions apply:

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| <b>UK Student</b> | Eligible Home UK students are those that are classed as UK (England, Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland), as assessed for student support purposes, as determined by Student Finance England (SFE) or another relevant UK student loans awarding agency. This is in addition to a Home UK fees status as determined by the University. Students from the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man are not UK students according to this definition and are subject to 'Islands students' status. |
| <b>EU Student</b> | EU students are those that are classed as Home EU (European), as assessed for student support purposes, as determined by SFE. This is in addition to a Home EU fees status as determined by the University. Students from the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man are not EU students according to this definition and are subject to 'Islands students' status.   |

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| <b>Overseas Student</b>                | Overseas students are those that are classed under the international fee status as determined by the University.  |
| <b>Campus-based</b>                    | These are undergraduate, postgraduate, foundation or Hons top-up degree courses delivered on the University of Bath site at Claverton Down, BA2 7AY. Courses delivered off site via franchised agreements with partner organisations are excluded.  |
| <b>BUCS</b>                            | British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) is the national governing body for Higher Education (HE) sport in the UK. Students receiving a scholarship which requires them to contribute to university titles must participate in BUCS competitions for the University of Bath at all eligible competitions, unless otherwise agreed with a University of Bath coach or Performance Sport Officer.   |
| <b>Elite</b>                           | <p>The University of Bath reserves the right to set the definition of elite to reflect the performance level of athletes based at the University of Bath. Where the scholarship requires 'elite' level performance, we recognise this as athletes who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top four in age group competition</li> <li>• International level at both junior and senior level</li> </ul> <p>This criteria is set to give applicants a guideline to follow when understanding the term 'elite', however the University may adapt its criteria depending on the sport in question.</p> |
| <b>Widening Participation Criteria</b> |   |
| <b>Household income</b>                | This refers to the annual <a href="#">residual household</a> income calculation we receive from your student loans awarding agency. Residual income is the household income before tax and after any pension contributions or allowances for dependent children. For full time students, a full financial assessment must have been carried out by your student loans awarding agency and it is your responsibility to ensure this has been completed.  |

## 24. Appeals

The University's decision on the interpretation of eligibility criteria is final and there is no right of appeal based on your circumstances/need. You may make a complaint if you believe that you have not been considered for an award because of a procedural error, or you believe that there has been some other procedural problem with our allocating and awarding system. Complaints based on procedural errors should be made to the [Performance Sport Officer](#) in the first instance. If necessary, after the first instance, a panel made up of the Director of Sport, Deputy Director of Sport and the Performance Sport Officer will consider the complaint.

## **25. Use of data**

The University may use the personal data that is provided by applicants in their applications, for all purposes related to the application (i.e. to allow it to be properly considered and any criteria verified). If you submit an application for a scholarship, by doing so, you consent to the University holding and using the data you provide for this purpose. All sport scholarships are funded through the generosity of individuals, companies and organisations who wish to support promising student-athletes. Donors who fund scholarships like to know who is benefitting from their donation. For this reason, the University may give your funder some information about you based on your student record and scholarship application form, including contact details and exam results. In most cases we will remove sensitive or personal elements or generalise information about difficult circumstances. We will also provide you with information about your donor, as appropriate. By submitting an application for a sport scholarship you also agree to your personal information being shared with any donor or prospective donor in this way.

## **26. Promoting Scholarships**

If you are awarded a scholarship, you may be asked to take part in activities that promote the concept of scholarships to current and potential donors. This may include being interviewed for an article, taking part in a video, giving a written testimonial or having your photo taken. You are not obliged to take part in any of these if you're asked to do so. However, your cooperation would be very much appreciated since it would help make it possible for future students to enjoy the same support.

Any queries relating to these Terms and Conditions should be addressed to the [Performance Sport Officer](#).