

Sport Scholarship programme Badminton at Birmingham



University of Birmingham Sport (UBSport) is among the best universities for badminton in the country, and a high performance centre for Badminton England. As a priority sport, the Badminton club benefits from the services and support of the Hi Performance Centre which includes fitness testing and screening, nutritional advice, sports medicine, physiotherapy services and sports psychology support.



Current students



Championship and the Commonwealth Youth Games. Alyssa was a member of the Great Britain team for the World University Championships held in Taiwan in September 2010 and is now on Great Britain development squad programme.

Alyssa Lim is a current U19 mixed doubles National Champion and has represented England at junior level from the age of 11, including: two World Championships; a European

'UBSport has a great set-up for supporting athletes who are aiming to reach the top level of their sport. I have found the strength and conditioning and physiotherapy support particularly invaluable. The staff are really welcoming and are able to offer advice and guidance to help you reach your full potential. This season I hope to make a successful transition from junior to senior level by reaching the finals of International Challenger events in both doubles and mixed. I also hope to get my ladies doubles national ranking into the top 4.'

Additionally, current students Catherine Grant and James Lauder both have representational honours at England Junior level, winning numerous tournaments. They are now starting to break into the senior competitions.

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Competition

The club takes part in the annual British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) team and individual Championships. Two men's teams and one women's team enter into the BUCS leagues, progressing to knock-outs after Christmas and culminating in a multi sport Championships in March. Players also have the opportunity to be selected for English and British University sides.

In addition to BUCS competitions, the club runs 5 teams in the Birmingham League, with the top teams competing very successfully in division 1 for men's, women's and mixed doubles.

Results

Birmingham is consistently ranked within the top 3 universities for sport and for badminton in the UK. Over the past 10 years, UBSport has produced the BUCS men's singles individual champion on 6 occasions, twice in the women's singles and won 6 gold medals in the knock-out competitions.

Sport scholarships

The University currently fund up to 40 scholarships each year for talented young sports people who have represented their country at International level.

There are different level packages (Gold, Silver, and Bronze) and can be worth between £4,000 to £6,000.

Scholarship benefits include:

- Free Gym and Swim membership at the Munrow Sports Centre and use of training facilities for additional practice
- Weekly strength and conditioning training sessions with our fully qualified staff, regular functional strength assessment and a personalised strength and conditioning programme
- Sports medicine support including musculoskeletal screening, physiotherapy and massage treatments
- Sports Science support including psychology, nutrition, fitness testing and monitoring
- Mentoring and lifestyle support by a member of University sports staff to help combine sporting and academic demands
- Access to a series of lifestyle workshops and scholar resource library



Coaching



Lorraine Cole, former England international, took the role of head coach in 2010. Lorraine has previously coached England U19, GB youth and is currently the Badminton England High Performance Centre coach at UBSport. e: l.m.cole@bham.ac.uk

- Funding of between £750 and £1500 towards competition, training and equipment costs
- Funding available for international competitions and/or specialist coaching

Scholarships are open to individuals of any nationality, and the closing date is early July each year. For further details please contact the Scholarships Manager, Luke Gunn on 0121 414 4519 or l.s.gunn@bham.ac.uk

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)



Birmingham is a TASS hub – one of only 13 in the country and is well respected for it's good practice in student-athlete support.

TASS athletes receive sporting support and services to the value of £3,500, TASS provides athletes with a tailored package comprising of services such as elite level coaching; strength and conditioning; lifestyle support; physiotherapy; access to a medical scheme; support with competition and training expenses and access to additional high quality training facilities. National governing bodies regularly monitor and assess the performance of TASS athletes to ensure that they make

full use of the services and facilities provided for them in order to fully develop as an athlete. UBSport is also a National Performance Centre for badminton so the training takes place on campus which makes balancing studies and badminton much more manageable.

Eligible Individuals can apply for both UBSport and TASS scholarships, but can only receive one. Individuals studying a Physics or Astronomy related course will also be eligible to apply for a Physics Sports Bursary.

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Studying at Birmingham

The University of Birmingham was established in 1900 and has long been one of the premier academic institutes in the UK. As a top three university for sport it is an ideal place to combine sport with a well respected programme of study. For more information on undergraduate courses visit www.birmingham.ac.uk/students

www.sport.bham.ac.uk/scholarships