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Sport Scholarships

Be part of something big

Since its inception in 1994, the University of Birmingham Sport Scholarship scheme has helped hundreds of student-athletes to maximise their sporting potential.

Among our illustrious alumni are Olympians Paul Manning (Cycling gold medallist), Naomi Folkard (Archery) and Simon Mantell (Hockey). Commonwealth Games participants Louise Hazel (Heptathlon gold medallist), Hannah England (Athletics) and Luke Gunn (Athletics), and triple World Champion Chrissie Wellington (Ironman).

Current international students include World and European Bronze medallist Susie Gilbert (Hockey), U19 mixed doubles National Champion Alyssa Lim (Badminton) and European Junior medallists James Wilkinson and Nick Goolab (Cross Country).

In 2010 one current student and seven alumni competed at the Delhi Commonwealth Games, bringing back a gold, silver and bronze between them.

In 2008 three alumni competed at the Beijing Olympics, with many more on track to compete in London 2012.

UBSport currently offer around 40 University of Birmingham Sport scholarships per annum, in a gold, silver and bronze format, as well as supporting the Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS) and the Royal and Ancient Golf Bursary Scheme.

Five reasons why performance athletes choose Birmingham:

- 1 Top-3 University for Sport
- 2 Reputable Coaching Staff
- 3 Comprehensive Support Services
- 4 Competitive Sports Scholarship Scheme
- 5 Top Class Academic Reputation

The Jamaican Track and Field team have chosen the University of Birmingham as their pre Olympic training camp venue prior to London 2012.



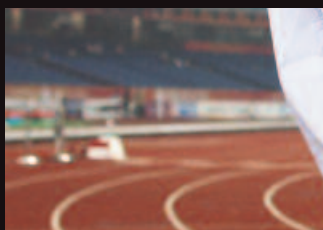
University of Birmingham Sport Scholarships

The University awards scholarships each year to National and International level athletes who are studying, or are about to study, at Birmingham. These awards provide financial and specialist support to talented young athletes.

Benefits

- Annual Peak Membership to the University gym and swimming pool with free locker access
- Free access to sports specific training facilities
- Access to sports science and sports medicine support services
- Access to strength and conditioning (S&C) coaching and S&C performance gym
- High performance coaching

- Performance Athlete Life Skills Workshops
- Allocated mentor for lifestyle support
- Funding towards the cost of equipment, competition and training costs



'The University offered me great support throughout my four years of study, accommodating a year out of study to focus on hockey and to play in the Commonwealth games.'

Simon Mantell
(GB and England
Hockey Teams)

How to apply



'I really enjoyed studying at the University of Birmingham and benefited massively from the Sport Scholarship Programme. During my time here, I was able to manage both my studies and training commitments and as a result I achieved selection for Great Britain.'

Louise Hazel

(GB and England Heptathlon)



How to apply

Application forms are available on request or available to download on the University of Birmingham Sport website.

(www.sport.bham.ac.uk/scholarships) Send completed forms together with a supporting statement to the Sports Scholarships Manager at the address overleaf.

Scholarships are open to all students irrespective of nationality or course. Individuals cannot receive both UBS scholarship and a TASS scholarship in the same academic year but are encouraged to apply for both (if relevant) in the first instance.

We welcome applications from prospective students, even if they have not yet received an offer, or had a place confirmed at the University. Scholarships are reviewed annually and we encourage applications from any year of study.

Successful scholarship applicants will be expected to sign a contract accepting the terms and conditions of the programme. As part of the agreement the athlete is expected to compete for the university in British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) competitions and championships.

Application open in April and close in July of each year.

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme (TASS)

Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme



Birmingham is a TASS hub, one of only 13 hubs in the country and is well recognised for it's good practise in student- athlete support.

TASS is a government funded programme which awards scholarships (value of £3,500) to talented athletes who are committed to combining their academic studies with high-performance sport.

Scholars may study in any subject, and a variety of Paralympic, winter and summer sports are considered. You should be achieving national recognition in a sport at

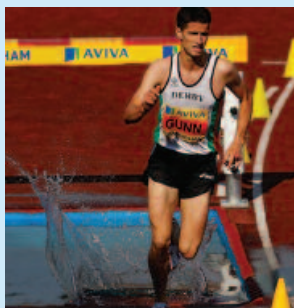
least at U18 level. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis and individuals are nominated by their National Governing Body (NGB).

For further details please visit the TASS website (www.tass.gov.uk) or contact your NGB. Nominations usually take place between July and September.

Benefits

- Access to specialist support services within your host university (sports science, sports medicine, and S&C)
- Access to training facilities
- Funding towards elite coaching, competition, training costs and equipment
- Mentoring
- Series of Talented Athlete Lifestyle Workshops

NB. TASS athletes at Birmingham also receive all the benefits of a UBS scholarship including free gym membership and swimming pool access.



Luke Gunn – Biography

Position: Sports Scholarships Manager

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Qualifications: BSc Sports and Materials Science, University of Birmingham (2006)
BSc Applied Economics, Florida State University (2009).

Experience: Luke started his current role at UBSport in 2010, bringing with him a wealth of experience as an ex-scholar, student-athlete and mentor. During his time at Birmingham he was a member of UBSport athletics club before spending time at Florida State University

on a sports scholarship. He captained and won National titles with both athletics teams. Luke has spoken at and coached a number of workshops, courses and conferences run by various National Governing Bodies including UKA, England Athletics and England Hockey.

Sporting Career:

- Represented England at the 2010 and 2006 Commonwealth Games (3000m Steeplechase)
- UK Champion, 2010 and 2009 (3000m Steeplechase)
- European Team Cup, 5th place (2010)
- Numerous junior representational honours.

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Other Scholarships

UBSport Lionheart Award

Introduced in 2010, the inaugural 'Lionheart Award' is presented termly to recognise student-athletes who are not only performing at a significant

level for their chosen sport, but also show dedication and leadership surpassing what is expected of UBSport club members. This is awarded to members who are not currently on any form of scholarship. The recipient is able to enjoy most

of the privileges usually exclusive to our scholars.



Paul Weston Triathlon Scholarship

In memory of Paul Weston (Sport and Exercise Science, 2002) additional funding (£2,000) is available for one outstanding individual in the sport of Triathlon. This award can be put towards training and competition costs as is available in addition to any TASS or UBS scholarship. Previous recipients include current GB elite female Non Stanford.

Criteria – You should be achieving national recognition at least at U18 level as well as satisfying the academic entry requirements for your chosen course.

How to apply – Applications forms are available on request or via the University of Birmingham Sport website (www.sport.bham.ac.uk/scholarships). Closing date is late July each year.

Royal and Ancient Golf Bursary Scheme

In addition to the golf performance programme, the R&A also offer bursaries of between £500 and £10,000 to individuals in full-time education. The scheme is open to men and women of any nationality.

All bursars are required to represent the University in major competitions while benefiting from the support of the bursary. The bursary may be used towards the costs of training, competition, equipment and education.

Criteria – Guideline handicap of +1 or better for men and 3 or better for women.

How to apply – Application forms are available on the Royal and Ancient website (www.randa.org). Applications usually open in August and close in November. Send your applications directly to the R&A.

