

## Sport Scholarship programme Golf at Birmingham



University of Birmingham Sport (UBSport) Golf club is one of the most successful university golf clubs in the UK. The club is widely known for the strength and depth of the squads and the mixture of men and women across the teams. A number of players have represented English Universities at international level and several past members are now PGA Professionals.

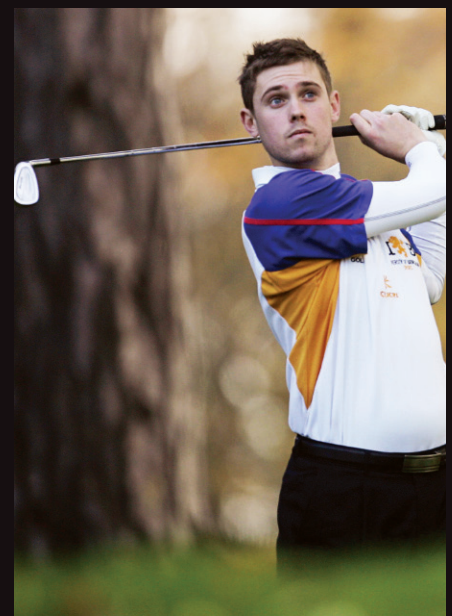
### Current and former students



Sian James has been extremely successful during her time at UBSport. Her successes include English Open Mid-Amateur Championship 2010, World Student Matchplay

Champions 2009, UBSport performance of the month April 2009, BUCS Individual Strokeplay Finals Silver medallist 2009 and British universities team 2009. Sian was also winner of the 2009 R&A scholar tournament which won her a place on European tour.

*'I have been extremely grateful to have received a TASS scholarship during the three years I have been at Birmingham. The financial and medical support has enabled me to continue playing at a National level around the UK and abroad, allowing me to progress with my golf and physical training. In conjunction with this, with the support of the UBSport Hi Performance Centre, who have been fantastic during my three years at University, I have been able to benefit from the strength and conditioning programmes, nutrition, psychology and mentoring support.'*



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### Facilities

The university has close links with a number of local golf courses and discounted membership is provided as part of the club membership. Home games are played at the Edgbaston Golf club next to campus and students have access to two of the courses and driving range at the Belfry. All British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) squad members have access to a range of support services including sports science, sports medicine, free physiotherapy, triage sessions and discounted sports medicine treatments.

### Staff and coaching

The Golf club is performance managed by Dr Matt Bridge and Ben Langdown. Ben provides strength and conditioning support, with PGA professionals from the Belfry providing individual and group coaching sessions. Gary Alliss, the PGA Cup Captain and head professional at the PGA National Golf Academy is patron to The UBSport Golf club.

### Competitions

The club runs five teams spanning from the elite 1st team to the more relaxed 5th team. Teams take part in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) match play leagues, team match play knockout cups and the individual stroke play championships, with the potential of playing in the World university match play. All BUCS competitions are played off scratch and the team also plays in national and international competitions outside of BUCS.

### Results

2009–10 was a great year for the club with the 1st team winning the BUCS Northern Premiership and the 2nd team winning the BUCS Trophy. In 2009 the women's team won the World Matchplay championships in Munich and there were numerous individual achievements across the board.



### 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
- 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](mailto: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 practise 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; 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. 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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### R&A Golf Bursaries

The R&A awards bursary scheme is designed to enhance the continuation of golf whilst in full time study and is open to men and women of any nationality, from any academic course. Bursaries range from £500 to £5000 and can be used towards academic or sporting expenses. Further details can be found on the R&A website [www.randa.org](http://www.randa.org)



### 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](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/students)

### Applied Golf Management Studies BA (AGMS)

University of Birmingham offers a very popular three year BA in Applied Golf Management. This unique degree is run in partnership with the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) and is the only degree of its kind in the world. It gives students the opportunity to combine a high level applied theoretical degree with membership of the PGA (subject to application).

[www.sport.bham.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.sport.bham.ac.uk/scholarships)