**2020 - Elite Athlete Grant**

**Status:** Closed  
**Applications open:** 16/10/2019  
**Applications close:** 6/03/2020

### About this scholarship

#### Description/Applicant information

The Elite Athlete Grant has been developed to support elite athletes in attaining excellence in their chosen sport whilst maintaining academic achievement and giving them the opportunity to make a difference in their community.

Curtin University is proud to be a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) Network, an initiative of the Australian Sporting Commission.

Since its conception in 2004, the EAFU Program at Curtin University has contributed significant resources to ensure elite athletes receive the required support to be able to successfully integrate their academic and sporting aspirations. The program is managed by Curtin Stadium and is strongly endorsed by the Vice-Chancellor.

Completing an education at the same time as training for elite sport is challenging. However comprehensive research and student athlete testimonies demonstrate that athletes who successfully integrate their studies and sport can achieve excellent results in both areas.

#### Student type

- Current Students

#### Faculty

- Centre for Aboriginal Studies
- Faculty of Business and Law
- Faculty of Health Sciences
- Faculty of Humanities
- Faculty of Science & Engineering
  - Science courses
  - Engineering courses
  - Western Australian School of Mines (WASM)

#### Course type

- Undergraduate
- Postgraduate coursework

#### Citizenship

- Australian Citizen
- Australian Permanent Resident
- New Zealand Citizen
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa

#### Scholarship base

- Merit Based

#### Value

The Elite Athlete Grant will provide the following support for up to a maximum of one year:

- A total value of up to $5,000 paid as a cash stipend of $2,500 per semester. The amount can be used at the recipient’s discretion to contribute towards sports training and development or educational related expenses

### Scholarship Details

#### Eligible courses

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https://scholarships.curtin.edu.au
Eligibility criteria

Applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria to be eligible to apply for the Elite Athlete Grant:

- Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, Australian permanent humanitarian or New Zealand citizen
- Enrolled full-time or part-time (25 credits minimum) in an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree at Curtin University in Semester 1, 2020
- Minimum course weighted average (CWA) of 60
- Member of the Curtin University Elite Athletes Program
- Willing to contribute to the Curtin community (either through representing Curtin University in sanctioned University sports events or by promoting and supporting Curtin University)
- Cannot be in receipt of any other Curtin funded scholarship

Preference given to students who haven't received this bursary previously, and who have achieved a high Course Weighted Average (CWA)

Enrolment requirements

Changes to Enrolment

If a recipient intends to change their enrolment, they must also apply in writing to the Scholarships Office (scholarships@curtin.edu.au) for approval BEFORE the change. The Scholarships Office will advise how the change will affect their scholarship.

Withdrawal or Terminated from units or course: A recipient who withdraws from their units or course of study, or has been terminated from their studies will become ineligible for the continuation of the scholarship, will not receive any further payments and will be required to repay to Curtin University the stipend awarded for that study period if applicable.

Cancellation of Scholarship: Notwithstanding any provision above, Curtin reserves the rights, at its sole discretion, to cancel the award of, or continuity of, the scholarship where the sponsor ceases to fund the scholarship.

How to apply

Application process

Step 1: Access application form

- Application form can be accessed via the ‘My Studies’ tab in OASIS or via the ‘Apply Online’ button on the top right-hand side of this page

Step 2: Complete

- Complete the application form online
- Application form can be saved at any point of the process
- Multiple scholarships can be applied for at one time
- Tips on how to complete your application can be found on the ‘Applying for scholarships’ page on the scholarships website

Step 3: Submit

- Closing date is listed at the top of the page and within the Scholarships Channel on OASIS
- Incomplete applications will not be assessed
- Once submitted, application status will change to submitted

Step 4: Receipt

- Application receipt will be sent to student email once application has been submitted

Step 5: Assessment

- Applications will be assessed by an assessment panel using the following criteria:
  - Responses to questions in application form
  - Academic merit
  - Level of sporting commitment
  - Community involvement
  - Additional factors that may have had an impact on sporting level

Step 6: Outcome

- Outcome will be sent via the Scholarships Channel within 6-8 weeks of the scholarship closing date
- All unsuccessful and successful applicants will be notified
Step 7: Acceptance

- Successful applicants must accept the terms and conditions via the Scholarship Channel (Student OASIS) by the deadline.

Please note:

- Scholarship will be awarded if there are applicants of sufficient merit
- Scholarship will commence from the semester of study for which the scholarship was awarded
- Scholarship is not transferable to another major, course or university
- The award and continuity of the scholarship is subject to receipt by Curtin of the scholarship funding from the scholarship sponsor

Need more information?

Enquiries
Scholarships Office
E: scholarships@curtin.edu.au
T: (08) 9266 2992
Visit our Frequently Asked Questions

Further information
Application Advice
Students may apply for as many scholarships as they are eligible for, and if successful, will be awarded the highest value scholarship. If students are successful in receiving an offer for more than one scholarship valued the same, they will have the opportunity to select their preferred scholarship.

For further information about holding more than one scholarship contact the Scholarships Office.

Centrelink
For advice on your Centrelink payments and how your scholarship could affect your payment please see the Department of Human Services or contact a Centrelink Office. If you require a letter about your scholarship for Centrelink, please contact the Scholarships Office.

Taxation
Generally scholarship money paid to full-time students is not treated as taxable income, however if your study load is less than 75 credits (part-time) your scholarship money is not tax exempt. Other than the full-time study requirement, the general rule is that scholarships are exempt from taxation unless:

- It is a condition of the scholarship that a recipient is required to undertake activities that are of use, help or benefit to the scholarship provider - then the student is rendering a service by agreeing to undertake those activities;
- An award is received by a student where the scholarship is not provided principally for educational purposes.
- During or upon completion of the degree for which the scholarship is awarded a recipient is required to become, or shall continue to be, an employee of the funding body; or

The Australian Tax Office has a tool to help you determine if your scholarship is taxable. For expert advice please contact the Australian Taxation Office or your accountant when completing your annual Tax Return. If a letter regarding your scholarship is required for taxation purposes, please contact the Scholarships Office.