



University
of Worcester



SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION PACK

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WELCOME

Dear Athlete,

Thank you for expressing an interest in the sports scholarship scheme at the University of Worcester.


It is recommended that aspiring student athletes of the University of Worcester read through the information carefully before submitting an application.

Should you wish to apply for a scholarship we will require further information from you, including personal details, video footage of you performing/competing, an overview of your financial outgoings directly associated with high performance sport and a supporting letter from your current lifestyle advisor or performance director/coach.

The University of Worcester is dedicated to supporting talented young athletes in a range of sports. Should you require any further information please contact Hannah Crowther on 01905 542323 or h.crowther@worc.ac.uk

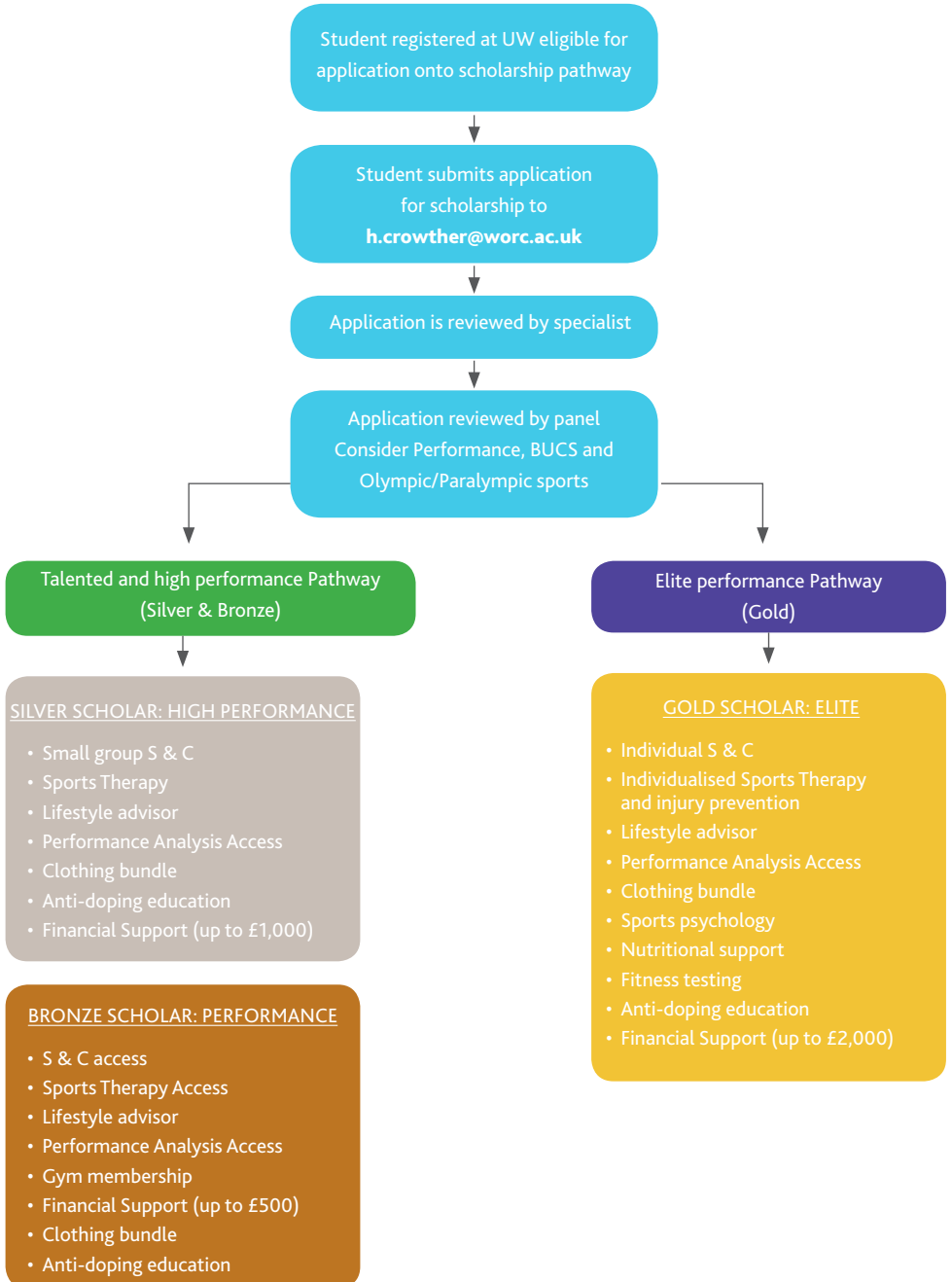
We look forward to receiving your application.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte', with a long, sweeping underline.

Charlotte Beaman-Evans
Talented Athlete Lifestyle Advisor

SCHOLARSHIP PATHWAY



SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

BADMINTON SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER

Gold Scholarship – Applicants would need to feature in the current top 20 England Badminton National rankings, or an equivalent-standard country.

Silver Scholarship – Applicants would need to feature in the current top 50 England Badminton National rankings, or an equivalent-standard country.

Bronze Scholarship – Applicants would need to feature in the current top 100 England Badminton National rankings, or an equivalent-standard country.

BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER (MEN'S)

Gold scholarship – Applicants would need to represent England or an equivalent standard country at senior national team level or have Men's British Basketball League (BBL) playing experience, or a league of an equivalent standard.

Silver scholarship – Applicants would need to represent England or an equivalent standard country at U20 national team or Men's division 1/National league play offs playing experience.

Bronze Scholarship – Applicants would need to represent England or an equivalent standard country or have recent (within one year) U18 national team playing experience.

BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER (WOMEN'S)

Gold scholarship – Applicants would need to represent England or an equivalent standard country and senior national team level or have Women's British Basketball League (BBL) playing experience, or a league of an equivalent standard.

Silver scholarship – Applicants would need to represent England or an equivalent standard country at U20 national team or women's division 1/National league play offs playing experience.

Bronze Scholarship – Applicants would need to have recent representative honours (within one year) at U18 national team playing experience. Regional level and U18 preliminary squad may also be considered subject to video footage review.

NETBALL SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER

Gold Scholarship – Applicants would need to represent England, or an equivalent-standard country at senior squad level.

Silver Scholarship – Applicants would need to represent England senior squad, or an equivalent-standard country at U21 or U19 national team level, or have recent regular Super league playing experience.

Bronze Scholarship – Applicants would need to have regular premier league 1 playing experience or regular representation in the U19 National Performance League (NPL).

ROWING SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER

Gold Scholarship – Applicants would need to represent GB or an equivalent standard at senior or U23 level.

Silver Scholarship – Applicants would need to represent GB or an equivalent standard at junior (U18) level (Junior World Championships or Coupe de la Jeunesse)

Bronze Scholarship – Applicants would need to have achieved one of the following; a gold medal at the National Schools Regatta, a win at Henley Royal or Henley Women's Regatta or working within an identified talent ID scheme e.g. Start programme.

FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER (MEN'S)

Gold scholarship – Applicants would have current professional football experience at Conference National or higher or within one year finished a YTS contract with a professional club.

Silver scholarship – Applicants would have current semi-professional football experience at Conference (North or South).

Bronze scholarship – Applicants would have current regional league – experience within the Northern Premier League 'premier division', Southern League 'premier division' and Isthmian League 'premier division'.

FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER (WOMEN'S)

Gold scholarship – Applicants would have FA women's superleague playing experience as a squad player.

Silver scholarship – Applicants would have FA women's championship playing experience as a squad player.

Bronze scholarship – Applicants would be regular starting players within the women's premier league with one season's (Northern and Southern premier division) evidence.

HOCKEY SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER

Gold Scholarship – Applicants would need to represent or be working with the England development or senior team, or a nation of an equivalent standard based on top 15 world rankings.

Silver Scholarship – Applicants would need to have England U21, England U18 or home nation representation experience, or equivalent standard experience. And/or be regular starting players in the (women's) Investec premier league or (men's) premier division.

Bronze Scholarship – Applicants would need to represent in the National League (Mens) NOW: Pension; Premier Division or Conference East, Conference North, Conference West OR (Ladies) Investec; Premier Division or Conference East, Conference North or Conference West.



CRICKET SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER (MEN'S)

Gold Scholarship – Applicants would need to be contracted to a first class county and would need to be at least a County second team regular with demonstrable progress towards a first team place.

Silver Scholarship – Applicants would need to be one of the following: County second team regular or minor counties regular.

Bronze Scholarship – Applicants would need to be an academy player with a summer/development contract and appearances at second eleven for a first class county. Applicants would normally have been a member of a national age-group programme and would be continuing to make progress.

* Disability pathways will be reviewed by the scholarship team on a case by case basis.

RUGBY SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER (MEN'S)

Gold scholarship – Applicants would have current professional RFU experience at RFU championship or above (or equivalent league) or actively be involved in the Elite player development group (U18) within the RFU.

Silver scholarship – Applicants would have current national league 1 or 2 playing experience (or equivalent league) or be affiliated to a regional academy or equivalent.

Bronze scholarship – Applicants would need to have current national league 3 playing experience (or equivalent league).

RUGBY SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER (WOMEN'S)

Gold scholarship – Applicants would represent England ladies (senior squad, named in EPS) or equivalent country (top 15 countries as specified by World Rugby rankings) and be a regular starting player with the English women's premiership (or equivalent standard).

Silver scholarship – Applicants would have U20 England international experience and be a squad player in the English women's premiership (or equivalent standard), for a minimum of one year prior to application.

Bronze scholarship – Applicants would be regular starting players within the English women's premiership (or equivalent standard), with one season's worth of regular starting required.

OLYMPIC & BUCS SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS AT WORCESTER

*Olympics and BUCS sports that are not identified above may also be covered in the scholarship scheme. Please look at the recognised sports tables overleaf for clarification.

Gold Scholarship – Applicants would need to be training and competing with senior squads or teams, where the sport or event is widely played or competed in across the UK.

Silver Scholarship – Applicants would be training as part of an elite athlete pathway scheme as well as representing at junior national and international tournaments. Or athletes would have senior level representation in sports or events where activities have lower representation across the UK.

Bronze Scholarship – Applicants would be working within an elite athlete pathway scheme for their identified sport, or in a sport with little GB based representation.

RECOGNISED SPORTS

SUMMER OLYMPIC SPORTS					WINTER OLYMPIC SPORTS	
Archery	Cycling BMX	Football	Rowing	Table Tennis	Alpine Skiing	Luge
Athletics	Cycling Mountain Bike	Golf	Rugby 7's	Tennis	Biathlon	Monobobsled (Women's)
Badminton	Cycling Road	Gymnastics Artistic	Sailing	Trampoline	Bobsleigh	Nordic Combined
Baseball / Softball	Cycling Track	Gymnastics Rhythmic	Shooting	Triathlon	Cross Country Skiing	Short Track Speed Skating
Basketball	Diving	Handball	Skateboarding	Volleyball	Curling	Skeleton
Beach Volleyball	Equestrian Dressage	Hockey	Sports climbing and surfing	Water polo	Figure Skating	Ski Jumping
Boxing	Equestrian Eventing	Judo	Swimming	Weightlifting	Freestyle Skating	Snow board
Canoe Slalom	Fencing	Karate	Synchronised Swimming	Wrestling Freestyle	Freestyle skiing big air	Speed Skating
Canoe Sprint	Equestrian Jumping	Modern Pentathlon	Taekwondo	Wrestling Greco-Roman	Ice Hockey	

SUMMER PARALYMPIC SPORTS			WINTER PARALYMPIC SPORTS
Archery	Goalball	Table Tennis	IPC Alpine Skiing
IPC Athletics	Judo	Taekwondo	IPC Biathlon
Badminton	IPC Power lifting	Triathlon	IPC Snowboard
Boccia	Rowing	Wheelchair Basketball	IPC Cross Country Skiing
Canoe	Sailing	Wheelchair Fencing	IPC Ice sledge hockey
Cycling	IPC shooting	Wheelchair Rugby	Wheelchair curling
Para-equestrian	Sitting volleyball	Wheelchair Tennis	
Football 5 a-side	IPC Swimming		

*Any sports not identified above will be reviewed by the scholarship team and assessed on a case by case basis.

*All disability pathway sports will be reviewed on an independent case by case basis. Please email h.crowther@worc.ac.uk to enquire further.

RECOGNISED SPORTS

BRITISH UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES SPORTS (BUCS)					
American Football	Climbing	Gymnastics	Netball	Snow Sports	Volleyball
Archery	Cricket	Handball	Orienteering	Squash	Wakeboarding
Athletics	Cycling	Hockey	Pool	Surfing	Water Polo
Badminton	Equestrian	Ju Jitsu	Rifle	Swimming	Weightlifting
Baseball/ Softball	Fencing	Judo	Rowing	Table Tennis	Wheelchair Basketball
Basketball	Football	Karate	Rugby League	Tennis	Windsurfing
Boxing	Futsal	Korfball	Rugby Union	Trampoline	
Canoeing	Gaelic Football	Lacrosse	Sailing	Triathlon	
Clay Pigeon Shooting	Golf	Modern Biathlon/ Pentathlon	Snooker	Ultimate Frisbee	

UNIVERSITY OF WORCESTER PERFORMANCE SPORTS				
Badminton (Men's 1st)	Badminton (Ladies 1st)	Basketball (Men's 1st)	Basketball (Men's 2nd)	Basketball (Ladies 1st)
Cricket (Men's 1st)	Football (Men's 1st)	Football (Ladies 1st)	Futsal (Mens 1st)	Hockey (Ladies 1st)
Netball (Ladies 1st)	Rugby (Men's 1st)	Rugby (Ladies 1st)	Rowing (Top male crew)	Rowing (Top female crew)

*Any student applying for a scholarship within one of the named sports above must be competing at performance level within the University of Worcester squads

SCHOLARSHIP AGREEMENT

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP

I understand that to be eligible for the sports scholarships programme I must be a full or part time undergraduate or postgraduate student at the University. I understand that to be successful in my application I must provide evidence showing potential for elite international performance as well as contributing to the UW BUCS teams and/or championships. I acknowledge that applications will be renewed on a yearly basis. Continuation on the scheme will be the result of making pleasing progress in both academic studies and sporting performance. Applications will be reviewed by an expert panel.

TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP

Any athlete successfully accepted onto the scholarship programme will be expected to compete in BUCS leagues or Championships where feasible. Failure to commit may result in loss of scholarship. Athletes on the sports scholarship pathway will be expected to commit to publicity, marketing and ambassadorial work within the University whereby an athlete must commit to a minimum of one. Failure to do so may result in loss of scholarship.

LOSS OF SCHOLARSHIP

I accept that the University reserves the right to withdraw my place within the sports scholarship programme where behaviour is displayed which brings the University of Worcester into disrepute, including inappropriate doping activity in accordance with WADA and UKAD, anti-social behaviour or racial/homophobic defamation. Athletes are expected to attend all appointments made within the service delivery of the scholarship programme. If an athlete fails to attend without giving the service provider adequate notice three times or more, the University of Worcester reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship. Athletes must understand that they are at university to study and therefore are expected to attend lectures when able to, failure to do so may result in loss of scholarship.

I understand that if I provide inaccurate information in support of my scholarship, which is subsequently found to be incorrect, the University of Worcester reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship. Additionally, should I withdraw from my sport the University reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship. Furthermore if any scholarship monies have been received in these circumstances I agree to pay back to the University the full payments received, within 90 days of being notified of the requirement to do so.

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