



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

behalf of the Football Association of Ireland I'm delighted to be able to publish this booklet to provide young footballers with more information on how they can further their education whilst also staying involved in elite level football.

Colleges and universities across the country are now providing scholarships for both male and female, elite footballers and with third level institutions now boasting some of the best sporting facilities in Ireland, where better to continue your football career than at third level?

Over the past few years we have seen an increased number of young players progressing to third level education and we now have over 100 SSE Airticity League players and over 50 Continental Tyres Womens National League players who are studying at third level.

All young footballers will dream of playing professionally and earning a living from the game but, as we are all aware, football is a short lived career and it is essential that young players plan for a life after football. This booklet will help you gain an understanding of all the courses that are available at third level, ranging from FETAC Level 5 Post Leaving Certificate Courses to Level 8 Higher Level Degrees, we have information on



how to apply through the CAO for these courses. Many young scholars will then choose to further their education at Post Graduate level by studying for a Masters Degree or PhD.

The FAI is committed to helping our young players to develop both on and off the pitch and whilst you are at college or university we offer a vast array of competitions through the CUFL, CFAI, IUFU and WSCAI. These are all explained later in the booklet.

I would like to encourage all students to research their options and take the time to learn more about the courses you want to study so you can make the right choice for your future career.

Best wishes in your current and future studies and I look forward to seeing you involved in our third level football competitions over the coming years.

Yours in sport,

Mark Scanlon

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A GUIDE TO THIRD LEVEL FOOTBALL IN IRELAND



here are currently 48 Colleges and Universities on the island of Ireland that enter football competitions, governed by our three affiliates -CFAI, IUFU, & WSCAI. They offer a national Mens and Womens league where the best Third Level players compete for 24 trophies every year in football and futsal. There is also the opportunity to represent your country on the international stage as both Mens and Womens compete in the World University Games every 2 years. Some of the top elite players in the SSE Airtricity League and Continental Tyres Women's National League have played in these competitions.

In the SSE Airtricity League, past students such as Gary Shaw (Shamrock



Rovers), Darragh Markey (St. Patrick's Athletic), and Jamie McGrath (Dundalk) have all had successful careers in our competitions whilst studying. Currently, the likes of Seán McLoughlin (Cork City), Gary O'Neill (UCD), and Adrian Delap (Derry City) are playing in Third Level Football and continuing their education.

Also, a certain Southampton and Republic of Ireland striker, Shane Long, studied in Coláiste Stiofáin Naofa in Cork before making his first move to England with Reading FC. Maynooth University graduate Conor O'Malley received his first call-up for the Senior team during the 2018 Summer Internationals and played in Scott Brown's testimonial game between a Celtic XI and Republic of Ireland XI.

In the Continental Womens National League, the likes of Amanda Budden (Cork City) and Rianna Jarrett (Wexford Youths) have both completed their studies, with current Women's Senior internationals Aislinn Meaney (Galway United), Dearbhaile Beirne (Peamount United) and Amber Barrett (Peamount United) still immersed in their studies. Also, the 2014 FIFA Puskás Award runner-up and current Republic of Ireland WNT international Stephanie Roche has completed her studies and represented Ireland at Colleges &



Universities level.

All Third Level competitions are sponsored by the Kepak-owned RUSTLERS - the ultimate fan food. The Colleges and Universities Football League (CUFL) is the premier Men's and Women's domestic competition with five men's tiers from Premier Division to Division 4 and two women's tiers boasting 111 teams from all participating Colleges and Universities. The CUFL also oversee annual Futsal competitions for Men's and Women's where the winners are invited to participate in the European Championships.

The Colleges Football Association of Ireland (CFAI) represents all of the Institute of Technologies and Institutes of Further Education in Ireland. They

www.thirdlevelfootball.ie

organise 3 main competitions - the Colleges Cup, Challenge Cup, and Eustace Cup. All of these competitions are exclusive for CFAI clubs.

The Irish Universities Football Union (IUFU) represents all of the Universities in Ireland. They also organise 3 main competitions. The Collingwood Cup is the oldest recognised Third Level Football competition in Ireland with UCD, being the most successful club triumphing on 48 occasions. There is also the Harding Cup, exclusive to first year students, and the Crowley Cup.

The Womens Soccer Colleges
Association of Ireland (WSCAI)
represents all female Colleges and
Universities teams in Ireland. The
Kelly Cup is the premier Intervarsities
competition that is organised by the
association.

Both Mens and Womens offer an international pathway for players that leads to the World University Games.





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WEEK BEGINNING

CUFL MEN'S













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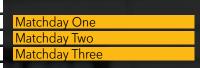
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Christmas Holidays: Dec 24th - Jan 6th

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Semi Finals/Relegation Playoffs

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Futsal Finals

CFAI Cup Quarter Finals

CFAI Cup Semi Finals

CFAI Cup Finals

Collingwood Cup

Harding Cup

Crowley Cup

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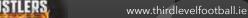
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Rory White, Guidance Counsellor and former Interprovincial player and Schools' International gives his thoughts...

The Leaving Certificate is around the corner and, with that, a decision on what you do next has to be made. Time should be spent researching all of the options open to you and discussing your plans with your Parents/Guardians and your school Guidance Counsellor.

After your Leaving Certificate you will find yourself around Level 4 on the National Framework of Qualifications. However, you should not rest there. With the Leaving Cert out of the way and 'in your back pocket' you will be free to decide on an area that you have an interest in and pursue a course that will give you a Level 5, 6, 7 or 8 qualification.

Gone will be the days of the Leaving Certificate and having to do 7 or 8 subjects. When you move onto further and higher education you will be concentrating on your own area of interest. Many studies show that the longer you spend in education or training in a particular area, the more professional you will become and the more it will pay off in the long term.

Thankfully, there are many options available to you that suit a variety of interests and abilities. For many this will mean choosing a course in college. The questions this pathway poses are - What course and which college? CAO is the application system used in Ireland and there are many excellent Universities and I.T.'s throughout the country offering a myriad of options to you.

Of course there are also many other pathways into third level further afield such as UCAS for the UK and UNICAS when applying to mainland Europe. For those who may feel that college is out of reach for them there is help out there. Financially, in the form of SUSI grants and educationally or otherwise in the form of Access courses and HEAR

and DARE. All of our institutions have specialised people employed who are very helpful and would deal with any query you may have and again check in with your school Guidance Counsellor.

PLC courses are another excellent way to continue with your education. PLC courses are typically run at Level 5, are one year in duration and usually have work experience and communications as core elements.

Of course college is not for everyone and apprenticeships are also a fantastic option. These are run by your local ETB in conjunction with SOLAS. They typically involve seven different stages, alternating between being 'On the Job' and being in the training centre or college. We are facing into a skills shortage in Ireland in the traditional trade areas and good, skilled apprentices are in high demand.

Finally, there are also pathways directly into employment for those interested in careers with An Garda Siochana, the Defence Forces and the Irish Prison Service. It would be worthwhile registering and keeping an eye on publicjobs.ie and military.ie for news on their recruitment drives.

Best of luck with whatever pathway you choose. Sports people bring excellent skillsets to the workplace such as teamwork, communication skills and determination to succeed. Once you have decided on a career area that you would like to pursue, go at it with the same drive and determination to succeed that you have used to get this far in your footballing career- aim to be the best that you can be.

All the best.



Applying to **CAO** 2019

Go to www.cao.ie and click on 'Apply'.

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CAO opens for applications on 5 November.

Register with CAO at www.cao.ie before 5:15pm on 1 February (€45 application fee or €30 before 5:15pm on 20 January).



Edit your application using the 'My Application' facility.





Provide supplementary information and all documents required by the deadlines stated in the handbook.



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Introduce your courses before 1 February at 5:15pm to avoid restrictions.



Remember to place your course choices in genuine order of preference.



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Use the **Change of Mind** facility from 7 May to 1 July at 5:15pm - restrictions





Carefully check the **Statement**of **Application Record** when it is
sent to you in May - notify CAO
of any errors
or omissions
immediately.



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Round One offers are issued to eligible applicants on the 19 of August from 6am, and subsequent rounds until mid-October.



You **MUST** read the CAO Handbook in its entirety before making an application.







For a list of all deadlines and important dates go to www.cao.ie and read the CAO Handbook.

Nov - Feb

5 November: CAO Online application facility opens at noon.

20 January (5:15pm): Closing date for discounted application fee of €30.

1 February (5:15pm): Normal closing date for CAO applications.

5 February: Change of Course Choices facility opens at noon - used for introducing restricted courses or by restricted-category applicants.

March - June

1 March: Change of Course Choices facility closes at 5:15pm.

1 March (5:15pm): Closing date for completion of HEAR/ DARE application forms

1 April: HEAR/ DARE supporting documents to be received by CAO by 5:15pm.

7 May: Change of Mind facility opens at noon - restrictions apply.

July - Oct

1 July: Change of MIND facility closes at 5:15pm.

Early July: Round A offers issued.

Early August: Round 0 offers issued.

19 August: Round One offers available online at www.cao.ie from 6am.

Offers are issued on a weekly basis until mid-October, or until all places have been filled.





- 2. You can register from 5 November and add your course information at a later date. Restrictions apply after 1 February at 5:15pm for certain courses and for restricted-category applicants see the CAO Handbook for more information.
- 3. Please enter your personal details carefully and correctly.
- 4. You must inform CAO of all qualifications. If you are required to submit supporting documents to CAO make sure to follow instructions on the online form and in the CAO Handbook.
- 5. You may make changes to your CAO application when the 'Change of Mind' facility opens on 7 May and right up to 1 July at 5:15pm restrictions apply.
- Before applying for a course, check that you meet the minimum entry requirements this information is available on the website of the institution. Having the points for a course is not enough; you must meet the course/institution's requirements to be considered.
- 7. Place your course choices in genuine order of preference.
- 8. You must always read the CAO Handbook before submitting a CAO application.

LOCAL TRAINING INITIATIVE OPEN TO MEN AND WOMEN LAYER DEVELOPMENT COURS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT COURSE Improve your career prospects! Reach your potential as a footballer! www.fai.ie/fai-etb-courses

What will you get from the training course?

QQI Level 5 in Sport, Recreation & Exercise

We are passionate about your education. We will set targets for you to achieve, however the learning environment will be very enjoyable. This qualification can be used as an entrance route to further education rather than your Leaving Certificate points. In recent years, many of our learners have gone onto Third Level Sports degree courses in Institutes of Technology countrywide.

ITEC Gym Instructor Diploma

The main aim of the ITEC Level 2 Diploma in Gym Instruction is to enable learners to provide clients with an appropriate gym workout for their needs to improve overall fitness including strength, flexibility and cardiorespiratory function. This is an internationally recognised qualification and will allow successful candidates to gain employment in Gyms and Leisure centres.

Coach Education

Learners will receive their coach education from UEFA A and Pro License Coaches. This learning experience will see graduates complete Garda Vetting and accredited Child Welfare & Protection courses and achieve certification in Kick Start PDP1 & PDP2, 4v4 and 7v7 workshops, Strength & Conditioning, Futsal Intro workshops and achieve the National D Coaching Licence. This prepares coaches to progress to the UEFA C license course.



Lifequard Qualification (optional)

The RLSS National Pool Lifeguard Qualification can be the starting point for a successful career in the water leisure industry. The NPLQ covers all elements of Pool Rescue Techniques, Lifeguarding Theory, First Aid and CPR. The course is physically demanding and will include swimming to set times, lifting casualties and diving to the deepest part of the swimming pool. The NPLQ is recognised around the world, so there is the potential to work and travel and will allow opportunities for career progression, as most leisure managers start off as Pool Lifeguards.

Training Allowance

Training courses provided by the ETB Training Centres are free (except for evening courses) and you may be paid a training allowance for the duration of your course. You can also claim an accommodation allowance if you need to live away from home for the duration of the course or a travel allowance.

Your local Intreo Office can advise if you are entitled to any allowances whilst on a training course.



Under our scheme 75 Sports Scholarships were awarded for 2018-2019 Academic year. The Scholarship operates on 2 levels: Gold and Academy.

A Gold Scholarship is worth the value of €1000, in addition to free access to the gym facilities, physical therapy, functional screening, strength and conditioning testing, nutrition support, cookery demonstrations, performance lifestyle advice, and sports psychology.

An Academy level scholarship includes all of the above supports without the value of €1000 initially but students have the opportunity to progress to Gold level. Each scholarship is awarded for a period for one year, but may be renewed for up to a maximum of four years. Students pursuing higher study after the four year threshold may be considered for additional years.

8 soccer players received Gold or Academy level scholarships in 2018-2019.

Elite Athlete Entry Scheme

AlT has put in place for all undergraduate degree courses an academic entry scheme for elite sportspersons where elite athletes, who have attained a specified sports standard, can avail of up to 50 points off Level 7/and or 8 degrees. Further details can be received from the admissions officer on +353(0)6468130 or admissions@ait.ie

Facilities and Coaching

For the aspiring High Performance soccer player we provide the following:

- FIFA Approved Full Size Soccer Pitch and Full Size Grass Soccer Pitch
- High Performance Gym
- Cryotherapy Pods
- AlterG Treadmill
- International Indoor & Outdoor Athletics Tracks and Cross Country Trail
- All coaches UEFA "A" certified and have National League Playing and Coaching Experience



AIT Sport Related Courses

•	Health Science and Nutrition	AL836
• 1	Sports Science with Exercise Physiology	AL837
•	Athletics and rehabilitation Therapy	AL841
•	Physical Activity and Health	AL843
•	Business (Sport and Recreation)	AL663
•	Hotel and Leisure Management	AL761

For further details please contact:

David McHugh, AIT Assistant Sports Officer, davidmchugh@ait.ie



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Soccer Opportunities at Carlow Institute of Further Education & Training

Are you looking for progressive courses to help you develop your skills as a soccer player, coach or manager? Carlow Institute of Further Education and Training has a range of highly progressive, practical and training soccer courses.





Sports, Fitness & Soccer

Gain an internationally recognised QQI Level 5 qualification, combining practical skills development and knowledge. The programme includes soccer coaching, training, anatomy and physiology, nutrition, exercise and fitness, and the FAI Coach Education award.





Advanced Soccer & Player Development

Build on your skills learned at **Level 5**, and gain internationally recognised QQI Level 6 award. You will study in all aspects of soccer skills, player development and coaching, and develop the necessary knowledge for employment or Higher Education.

Why Study at Carlow Institute

- Great range of courses
- Experienced talented staff
- Great results
- A student-centred Institute
- Great Links with Employers & Professional Bodies, including the FAI
- Great progression with our round-Zero HE links-scheme
- Outstanding Facilities
- Great social opportunities



Related Sports Courses

Level 5 Sports, Fitness & Exercise

Level 5 Sports Injuries Therapy

Level 6 Professional Sports Fitness Instruction

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Sport, Recreation and Exercise 5M5146 NFQ Level 5

Sport and Leisure Management - Soccer

Overview

This course gives students the academic, physical, technical, tactical & psychological knowledge necessary for the demands as a student athlete with particular emphasis on soccer coaching. In addition it offers a broad introduction to Sport, Exercise and Recreation studies, providing students with the necessary skills to take up employment at entry level in the leisure industry. Students will improve their knowledge, competence and understanding of physical fitness and sport both practically and theoretically. Graduates often progress within the College to one of our QQI/FETAC Level 6 Sport and Leisure Management courses on offer. Many past students have gained lucrative soccer scholarships to the USA.

Entry Requirements

- Leaving Certificate: Five passes at Ordinary Level, or
- Leaving Certificate Applied, or
- QQI/FETAC Level 4 award, or
- Others, including mature students are assessed individually, and
- Personal interview, and
- Medically certified evidence of fitness to participate in exercise
- Personal interview and football assessment (Trial)

Principal Area of Study

Sports and Recreation Studies, Exercise and Fitness, ITEC Gym Instruction, Sports Anatomy and Physiology, Sports and Exercise Injury Prevention, Nutrition, Soccer Coaching and Occupational First Aid Communications, Work Experience, Teamworking, Kick Start 1 & 2, 4v4 workshop, 7v7 workshop, Strength and Conditioning workshop.

Accreditation

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Career Opportunities and Progression

This course offers progression options for learners to programmes in Universities and Institutes of Technology. Third-level institutes also reserve a number of places on degree courses for mature learners (over the age of 23). Learners must apply to each institute individually.

Learners who complete this major QQI award at Level 5 are eligible to apply through the CAO system for entry into participating courses in the QQI Higher Education Links Scheme (HELS). A limited number of places are available and applicants are ranked according to results achieve d in their QQI major award.

Progression

In addition to progression options within the College to one of our QQI/FETAC Level 6 Sport and Leisure Management programmes, graduates may choose to apply to a range of courses in Institutes of Technology, including DIT.

Soccer scholarships opportunities to the USA.

Duration: 1 Year Course Code: 6315











SOCCER COACHING AND EDUCATION QQI LEVEL 5

COURSE CONTENT

The focus of this course is to pursue a career in soccer and the leisure industry and to gain professional coaching qualifications for employment in Ireland and abroad.

Strength and conditioning components along with technical skill will be monitored closely as students' progress throughout the course. The syllabus will cover a broad range of theoretical and practical components designed for the students to advance into higher education.

CSN students will compete in the various Colleges and Universities cups and leagues throughout the year.

FACILITIES

- State of the art gym, fully equipped by technogym
- Full size 3G Astro Turf pitch
- Professional quality grass soccer pitch

Course Director: Liam Murphy e: l.murphy@csn.ie

CSN GRADUATES

Some of the CSN past students who have Represented Ireland in Soccer

Shane Long: Senior, Denise O'Sullivan: Senior, Amanda Parkes: Senior, Shane Guthrie: U23, Dennis Behan: U21, Craig Duggan: Youth & Futsal





S CCEr Scholarships

CIT allocates Sports Scholarships annually to students who display a high level of achievement, commitment, and dedication in their chosen sport. The scholarship scheme is designed to help those students reach their full potential both in their sport and in their academic careers.

A Fresher Scholarship is worth €500, while a Senior Scholarship is €1,000 per college year. Both the Men's and Women's Soccer players have been awarded a significant amount of Scholarships in recent years as the standards remain high.

Every player is expected to be at League of Ireland level to receive a full Scholarship or have the potential to play at League of Ireland level to qualify for a Fresher Scholarship. Scholarship recipients are expected to improve their standards during their time at CIT in order to retain their Scholarship. The CIT Soccer club assists with this through top quality coaching, mentoring, strength and conditioning, nutrition, and our close relations with the League of Ireland and local teams.

Sports Facilities

- 1,100 seater multi-purpose Sports Stadium
- Three Soccer Pitches
- Sports Hall for Futsal Training
- Full sized 3G Astro Turf Pitch
- Strength and Conditioning Gym
- Studio Room

Strength and Conditioning and Nutrition

- Access to a Strength and Conditioning Coach
- Weekly Squad Sessions
- Fitness Testing
- Nutrition Consultations
- Personal Training Sessions
- Individualised Gym Programmes





Danny O'Connell:

"I worked hard to maintain a scholarship every year under an excellent management team, who provided me with top class tactical and physical training sessions to further my development. I Captained the Irish Colleges/University team playing against Wales, France and Scotland in my 3rd year."



Nathalie O'Brien:

"CIT always provided us with some of the best players in the country and particularly top coaches, which helped sustain my position with Cork City Women's in the League of Ireland. Excellent pitches, fantastic coaches, great training facilities, indoor hall, full sized 3G Pitch and Elite Gym are just some of the benefits."

Contact Info:

For more information on all our scholarship schemes please **visit**: **www.cit.ie**



- Passionate about football?
- Competing at a high level?
- Want access to a careerfocused program?

Apply Now!

FOOTBALL SHIP

Dublin Business School



What to Expect

At Dublin Business School we specialise in offering our students an unforgettable career focused learning experience. We are committed to producing the leaders of tomorrow, where you will be engaged and challenged from the moment you walk through our doors. On top of this, our award-winning Student Experience Team will ensure that each day in DBS will be fun, exciting and very fulfilling.

Our Football Scholarship Programme is one of the most exciting opportunities we offer to our students. DBS provides high achieving athletes the chance to continue excelling within their chosen sport, whilst being committed to an industry-focused academic programme.

Football Scholarship Benefits*

- Access to a career focused Undergraduate or Postgraduate course.
- Course tuition fees covered.
- Athletes will receive DBS Sports Scholarship Apparel.
- Gym & physiotherapy fees covered (based on funding)

*Terms and Conditions apply.

Eligibility Criteria

- Prospective athletes for our Football Scholarship must be active at a competitive club level or above.
- Applicants will also be considered if they have previously competed at a high standard and are still involved in a club at a grassroots level.
- Successful applicants must meet the entry requirements of their chosen program.
- Experience in leadership required, previous coaching experience preferred.

To apply, please contact:

Adam Crowther (Student Experience Officer)

E: adam.crowther@dbs.ie M: + 353 (0) 87 286 7069





DCU Soccer provides opportunities for talented players to continue their sporting development while pursuing their academic careers. We do this through two DCU Performance Sports Programmes for talented Soccer players, CAO Points Concession and DCU Sport Scholarship Programme.

- 1. CAO Points Concession Entry Mechanism to 1st year of any undergraduate academic programme
- 2. Sport Scholarship Programme Post Entry Support

1. CAO Points Concession

DCU has put in place a special academic entry scheme for performance athletes for all its undergraduate degree courses. A number of academic places offering a CAO points concession are reserved for outstanding candidates who have achieved a very high level of sporting performance and who are committed to continuing to develop their sporting and academic careers. Under this scheme, applications are not assessed solely on the basis of academic performance, but sporting achievements are also taken into consideration. Successful candidates may receive a points reduction of up to 25 points below the CAO points for their chosen course.

For more information, please contact Registry T 01 700 5338 E registry@dcu.ie

2. Sport Scholarships

The Sport Scholarship Programme provides a network of support services and expertise, tailored to the individual needs of the athlete. The programme grades support depending on the athlete's achievement, potential and need, with the objective of remaining flexible to support the diverse needs of athletes. Athletes are allocated support services that may include: funding towards fees or accommodation, membership to the University sports complex and high performance facilities, fitness testing, sports injury management, strength and conditioning, sports psychology, sports nutrition, workshops, athlete mentoring and more. The athlete is required to contribute to training, competition and club development for the respective DCU Sport Club. For additional information visit www.dcu. ie/sportscholarships.

DCU Performance Sports Programmes - How to Apply

To apply for the CAO Points Concession and/or the Sport Scholarship programme applicants must complete an online application form. Please note:

- There is one application form for both programmes and you must indicate if you wish to apply for one or both programmes.
- Applicants that apply for the CAO Points Concession programme must also make an application for a DCU
 programme of study through the CAO, www.cao.ie from early November 2018 until May 1st 2019
- DCU Performance Sport online applications will open in February 2019.
- The closing date for applications is May 1st 2019. Application forms are available at www.dcu.ie/registry/application_forms.shtml







If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact Fran Butler DCU Soccer Development Officer soccer@dcu.ie

>>ELITE ATHLETE SUPPORT PROGRAMME<<

The Elite Athlete Support programme is an athlete led development programme whereby financial assistance and a network of support services are tailored to meet the individual needs of talented soccer players. The value and benefits of each 'package of support' is assessed on an individual basis and ranks support depending on the players current playing standard, potential to develop as an player and commitment to represent and promote the Dublin Institute of Technology. Over the years DIT has supported many high performance soccer players across a wide range of academic disciplines.

Applications are considered from prospective students and talented young soccer players who have applied for a course of study at Dublin Institute of Technology. To be considered eligible for a place on the Elite Athlete Support Programme applicants must fulfil the following criteria;

- Be entering the Institute to study a full-time undergraduate programme through the CAO system
- Be competing in a sport that is recognised by the Irish Sports
- · Commit to represent the Institute in their chosen sport

• Play for League of Ireland Senior or Underage Level and/ or have been selected to represent Ireland at age group international.

BENEFITS (may include)

- Tuition Fees
- · Financial assistance to underpin training and competition expenses i.e. travel costs, equipment, sporting attire
- Individual Academic Mentoring
- · Strength and Conditioning
- · Sports Nutrition
- Physiotherapy
- · Access to national and international elite competition
- Sports psychology
- Goal setting and performance planning workshops
- Access to DIT Elite Gvm Facilities

The offer of a place on the Elite Athlete Support Programme does not include any special reductions in entry criteria or the offer of an academic place at DIT.

Talented young soccer players that wish to be considered for the Elite Athlete Entry Scheme will need to make a







>>ELITE ATHLETE ENTRY SCHEME<<

The Institute has put in place for all its undergraduate programmes an academic entrance scheme for elite sports persons.

Through this scheme the Institute awards additional CAO points for entry to full-time undergraduate courses and successful applicants will be offered up to a maximum of 10% or 45 additional CAO points for admission to all undergraduate programmes.

A limited number of places will be reserved for outstanding candidates who have achieved a very high level of sporting performance and who have identifiable potential for further

Successful applicants who commit to represent the Institute in their chosen sport will also be offered access to a range of athlete-led support services such as fitness testing, strength and conditioning and performance development workshops

Successful applicants will also be afforded access to DIT high performance training facilities, branded sportswear, physiotherapy and academic mentoring support and may be eligible for financial assistance.

>>FIND OUT MORE <<

Further Information on DIT's Elite Sport Initiatives is available at www.dit.ie/sport or you can contact Niamh O'Callaghan,

Sports Officer & Programme Manager Tel: 087 298 5849 Email: niamh.ocallaghan@dit.ie





Through its Elite Sport Initiatives, DIT is committed to providing talented young soccer players with a supportive

Dublin Institute of Technology

has an enviable and proud track

record of success in Elite Sport

are designed to strengthen and

and its Elite Sport Initiatives

enhance that reputation.

environment within which they can develop maximum sporting performance alongside academic excellence.

DkIT Soccer Scholarships

DkIT Sports Scholarship Programme



Sport Scholarships are intended for persons of outstanding sporting ability. The vision of the DKIT Sports Scholarship Programme is to focus on developing our top athletes so that they are in a position to achieve sporting success and development, during and after their time at Dundalk Institute of Technology.

The scholarship programme provides a number of benefits to help students achieve at both sporting and academic levels. The scheme is developed to offer recipients a comprehensive package including:

Financial Assistance

Scholarship holders will receive financial support ranging from €500-€3000 per year.

Academic Mentoring Support

Study support skills

Sports Science Support

- · Performance planning and analysis
- Fitness testing
- · Strength and conditioning programme
- Nutrition
- Psychology
- · Physiotherapy

Free Use of Facilities

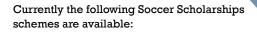
- DKIT Sports Arena
- Team Strength and Conditioning Area
- Multi-purpose Centre
- Outdoor pitches

Free Sports Clothing

Branded and Specialist Sports Scholarship Training and Leisure Gear

Scholarship Partners

DkIT is currently working with various organisations to develop the Sport Scholarship Programme within the College, so as to provide a number of benefits to help students achieve at both sporting and academic levels.



DkIT & Dundalk F.C. Soccer Scholarship:

Soccer Scholarship programme in partnership with League of Ireland Champions Dundalk FC

DkIT & Drogheda United F.C. Soccer Scholarship:

This initiative is aimed at those candidates who wish to pursue a full-time third level education whilst pursuing a soccer playing career with Drogheda United FC

DkIT General Soccer Scholarship:

Soccer scholarship programme aimed at those players who are not attached to Dundalk FC or Drogheda United but have the ability to play League of Ireland Soccer.

Sports Scholarship Recipient- Conor McDonald

I am currently playing with Warrenpoint FC in the Northern Ireland Football League Premiership. I played my youth soccer with Rock Celtic and St Kevins Boys. I was part of the Dundalk FC league winning team in 2014 and 2015.

The DkIT Sport Scholarship has been a huge help to both myself, in regards to being able to continue playing my sport at a high standard whilst at college and my parents, who were helped hugely by the financial aid the scholarship provides. I have benefitted greatly from the sports science support and the use of the DkIT Sport facility, particular the Strength and Conditioning Unit.

How to apply

Sports Scholarship application forms are available to download from:

http://www.dkit.ie/sportsandsocieties/scholarship

For more information contact:

Derek Crilly – Sports & Societies Officer Derek.crilly@dkit.ie 087-9407092







Drogheda Institute of Further Education run the following sports courses:

- QQI Level 5 Sport, Recreation and Exercise (Soccer Coaching) (Code 5M5146)
- QQI Level 5 Sport, Recreation and Exercise (Code 5M5146)
- QQI Level 5 Sport, Recreation and Exercise (Sports Injury) (Code 5M5146)
- QQI Level 5 Outdoor Sport and Recreation (Code 5M5148)
- QQI Level 6 Sport, Recreation and Exercise (Code 6M5147)

COURSE CONTENT:

Level 5 Sport, Recreation and Exercise (Soccer Coaching) – Sport and Recreation Studies, Exercise and Fitness, Communications, Work Experience, Level 5 Soccer Coaching, Level 6 Soccer Coaching, Sport Anatomy and Physiology, Nutrition, Pool lifeguarding.

Level 5 Sport, Recreation and Exercise - Sport and Recreation Studies, Exercise and Fitness, Communications, Work Experience, Sports Anatomy & Physiology, Nutrition, Adventure Activities, Soccer Coaching, Gaelic Football Coaching, Basketball Coaching, Pool Lifeguarding.

Level 5 Sport, Recreation and Exercise (Sports Injury) - Sport and Recreation Studies, Exercise and Fitness, Communications, Work Experience, Sport Anatomy and Physiology, Nutrition, Kinesiology, Pool Lifeguard, ITEC Level 3 Sports Massage Therapy, ITEC Taping and Strapping.

Level 5 Outdoor Sport and Recreation - Outdoor Recreation Studies, Adventure Activities, Communications, Work Experience, Outdoor Leadership and Safety, Safety and Health at Work, Level 4 Kayaking, Level 4 Sailing, Level 4 Powerboat Skills, Mountain Skills 1, Pool Lifeguard. **Level 6 Sport, Recreation and Exercise** - Sport Industry Practice, Communications, Work Experience, Exercise and Fitness, Sport Psychology, Sport Nutrition, Health Promotion, Soccer Coaching, Gaelic Football Coaching, Pool Lifeguard.

NCEF Certificate in Exercise and Health Fitness (Gym Instructors qualification)

ITEC Level 4 Certificate in Sports Massage

PROGRESSION:

- -All Level 5 courses can lead in to the Level 6 Sports Course.
- -Students can progress through CAO to degree courses in Institutes of Technology such as Dundalk IT.
- -Students can progress to through UCAS to some degree courses in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- -Students can progress directly into employment in areas such as lifeguarding, gym instructing, sports coaching etc.





GMIT SOCCER SCHOLARSHIPS



It's about reaching your potential





"The GMIT Sports Scholarship Scheme rewards sporting excellence and encourages outstanding performances in a variety of sports"





Why GMIT?

At GMIT, we concentrate on providing supports you need to develop and improve to be the best possible athlete you can be.





GMIT Sports Scholarship Students Benefit From:

- Financial Assistance
- Medical & Physio Support
- Gym Membership
- Sports Nutrition Education
- Performance Psychology
- Strength and Conditioning
- Coaching Courses
- Mentoring & Support

For Further Information Contact

Molly Dunne
Sports Development Officer
molly.dunne@gmit.ie

Ray Connolly Head of GMIT Soccer ray.connolly@gmit.ie



PURPOSE OF THE COURSE

This course provides a unique opportunity for talented young footballers to acquire relevant educational qualifications for entry to third level while at the same time developing their footbal skills to a higher level.

COURSE CONTENT

FETAC Level 5 Major Award in Sport & Recreation including modules in Soccer, Coaching, Exercise & Fitness, Injury Prevention, Sports Anatomy & Physiology, Work experience, Nutrition, Communications and First Aid.

FOOTBALL

Ten hours coaching per week provided by UEFA Pro-Licenced Coach & leading Strength & Conditioning Coach. GTI play in the Combined Colleges League and CFAI cup competitions







ELITE SOCCER

PERFORMANCE & COACHING

PROGRESSION

Graduates from GTI have gone on to play professional and semi-professional soccer in Ireland and the UK. Patrick Hoban, a Premier League winner with Dundalk is currently playing professionallu in the uk, attended GTI for two years. Current Galway United squad members include Gary Shanahan, Enda Curran Conor Winn and kevin Horgan are all graduates from GTI

WORK EXPERIENCE ABROAD

Selected students are offered a two week work placement in Scotland fully funded by the EU This includes club visits to Celtic, Rangers and Motherwell as well as additional coaching from Scottish FA Coaches

SOCCER SCOLARSHIPS, USA

GTI hold trials for students interested in pursuing a career and further studies in the USA.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Skills & Fitness Test

Leaving Certificate, Leaving Cert applied or equivalent Letter of Recommendation Sporting Achievements Mature Student Interview

FEES		
Student Services Fee	€280.00	
DES Programme Participation Contribution	€200.00	
Training Kit	€150.00	
Exam Fee	€50.00	
Books/Material	€90.00	
OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION		
Participants can also gain the REPS Ireland	€800.00	
recognised ITEC Gym Instructor/Personal trainer		
award to work in gyms and fitness centers		
FAI Youth Cert course	€240.00	













ITB offers Sports Scholarships to all full-time students to assist them in reaching their full potential, both academically and in their chosen sport. Students selected for the scholarships can benefit from an excellent financial package as well as the excellent

Benefits to Students

- ☐ Payment of €500/€1000 in December 2018 Payment of €500/€1000 in April 2019
 - ☐ Training Gear Supplied
- Access to ITB Sports Facilities
- ☐ Fitness testing and Elite Coaching
- Athlete Mentoring Diary
- ☐ Athletic Therapy Support (2 Sessions per Semester)
- Access to Academic Mentor

Facilities

☐ Certified FIFA 1 Star All-Weather Soccer Pitch

□ Sports Pavilion -Fitness Suite (185m²), changing facilities, an athletic therapy room, a sports science lab and a number of lecture theatres.

























Eligibility for Soccer Scholarships

Must be playing at a high level



ITB Sporting Prowess Program

- ☐ ITB wishes to provide an opportunity to students who display outstanding sporting prowess to participate on the Bachelor of Arts in Sports Management and Coaching BNo2o (level 7) and Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Sports

 Management and Coaching BN111 (Level 8).
- ☐ The Sporting Prowess Programme will award up to 50 points to successful applicants, which will be added to their Leaving Certificate or FETAC points.

What Courses do ITB offer?

- ☐ Applied Social Studies
- Business
- Community and Youth Development
- ☐ Computing

- ☐ Creative Digital Media
- ☐ Early Childhood Care and
- Education

 Engineering
- ☐ Horticulture
- ☐ Sports Management and





Contact ITB:

Phone: **01 885 1000**Website: **www.itb.ie**







Other Sports Related Degree Courses at Institute of Technology Carlow

BSc (Hons) in SPORTS REHABILITATION & ATHLETIC THERAPY – CW188

BSc (Hons) in SPORT SCIENCE with options in Sport and Exercise Science – CW178 SES and Strength and Conditioning – CW178 SCO

HC in Science in PHYSIOLOGY & HEALTH SCIENCE - CW106

MSc in STRENGTH & CONDITIONING - CWS05

MSc in **SPORTS PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS** – CWB05

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www.itcarlow.ie/sports

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Institute of Technology Carlow is one of the leading third level sporting institutions in Ireland. The Institute is a hub for sporting excellence and our facilities and growing academic portfolio of sports related programmes means we attract the very best athletes, competing both nationally and internationally across a wide range of disciplines. The Institute offers Elite and Gold Sports Scholarship.

For further information about Sports Scholarships:

Donal McNally
Director of Sport
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E: donal.mcnally@itcarlow.ie

THE ONLY FAI AFFILIATED DEGREE COURSES IN IRELAND





Institute of Technology Carlow is ahead of the game for career-focussed sports qualifications highly sought after by the sports industry

Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

SPORTS MANAGEMENT & COACHING – CW858

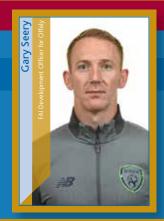
This four year honours degree course is the only one of its kind in Ireland and is delivered in association with the Football Association of Ireland.

The Sports Management and Coaching course develops students' skills and knowledge in equal measures between soccer and the business aspects of management and coaching.

Bachelor of Arts
SPORT COACHING & BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
(SOCCER) – CW827

This three year degree course is the only one of its kind in Ireland and is delivered in association with the FAI. Sports bodies require their management and coaching staff to have a well-rounded understanding and knowledge about their chosen sport but also of business and management. Graduates of this course may be eligible to progress to Year 4 of the BA (Honours) Sports Management and Coaching (CW858).

Graduates of Sport Coaching & Business Management (Soccer) – CW827 and Sports Management & Coaching – CW858















The IT Sligo Soccer Scholarship scheme aims to assist talented student players reach their sporting potential. Through soccer scholarships we recognise and reward excellence enabling those who have the ability and desire to be successful at the highest possible level.

We proactively encourage a healthy and balanced lifestyle among students through involvement in sport. IT Sligo offer Gold, Silver and Bronze scholarships. Application open in June and are offered on acceptance of courses. All IT Sligo courses are available to view on our website www.itsligo.ie





As an IT Sligo Sports Scholar you will be required to represent IT Sligo as a priority and make a significant contribution to soccer at the institute. In return you will

- Receive financial support
- Have the appartunity to develop your skill and performance to the highest possible level
- Have access to high colibre technical coaching and facilities
 Receive free membership in the gym at
- Knocknorea Arena

 You will also receive mentoring support, training guidance and other value-added support as a scholarship recipient

IT Sligo currently have two men's teams who play in the CUFL Premier Division and Division two. We offer top facilities including a full size 4g Astro pitch, grass pitches and high performance gym. IT Sligo FC has a great relationship with Sligo Rovers over the years. Our current EUFA B Licensed Coach is Colm Jinks who is the current Sligo Rovers U17 coach.

IT Sligo has a proud tradition in Womens Soccer. The Womens team has won over 20 trophies including 9 major trophies: The Intervarsities Cup in 2005, 2007 and 2014 and the Premier League in 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08, 2011/12, 20012/13. The IT Sligo graduates that achieved significant success at international level include Maz Sweeney, Emma Mullin and Emma Hansberry.



We have a strong association with the Sligo Rovers under 19 and first team. Some of the Players that have played for us and gone to play for Sligo Rovers and indeed other clubs:

- Jim Sheridan (1998 Sligo Rovers first team, Athlone Town)
- Owen O Donaghue (2002 Sligo Rovers first team)
- Sean Purcel (2004 Sligo Rovers first team).
- Sean Kelly (2007 Sligo Rovers first team, Longford town)
- Brian Mc Groary (2014 Wolverhampton Wanders, Derry City, Finn Harps)
- Mark McGoldrick (2015 Sligo Rovers first team, Athlone Town)
- Liam Martin (2016 Sligo Rovers First team)
- Jake Dykes (2016 Sligo Rovers First Team),
- Ryan O Reilly (2017, Stoke City)

Institute of Technology Tallaght

Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Tamhlacht



Mature Student Applicants:

A student who is 23 years of age or older, on the 1st of January of the year of entry to third level, is known as a "mature student".

Standard of Players:

League of Ireland •Women's National League •Metropolitan
 Girls League •Leinster Senior League •Irish Schoolboys •Leinster
 Schoolboys •Irish Youths •Leinster Youths

ITT Dublin Sports Scholarships

IT Tallaght compete in the Colleges and Universities League and the Colleges FAI Cup for men and the WSCAI League, Cup and Intervarsities for women.

We also support our students represented on the World University Games Team Ireland. We are not affiliated with any one Club and are committed to promoting sport in the community.

We are currently recruiting players for the academic year and are looking at players of the required standard and with the potential to play at the highest level.

What is involved in an IT Tallaght Soccer Scholarship?

- Monetary: €1000 to €3000 depending on standard
- · Annual Gym Membership
- Free Physical Therapist on Campus during term time
- Academic Mentor Programme
- Top class Coaching and Facilities

How do you apply?

You must apply for a full time course through www.CAO.ie Contact the respective Institute Coach for a Scholarship Application Form:

Mens Coach: Pat Scully scullypatrick@eircom.net Womens Coach: Paul Barry ittoladiessoccer@gmail.com

Courses we offer:

We offer Ordinary (Level 7) and Honours (Level 8) Degrees in Business, Humanities, Science, Engineering, Computing and IT.

Some of our most popular courses are Sports Science & Health, Social Care Practice, Creative Digital Media, DNA & Forensics, Business Management, Marketing & Advertising. We also offer research masters programmes of one and two years.

A full list of courses are on our website at www.ittdublin.ie





Archery

Athletics

Badminton

Basketball

Boxing

GAA

Golf

Hockey

Martial Arts

Rugby

Snooker & Pool

Soccer

Table Tennis

Volleyball

IF you have a proven track record in high level sport and want to make your mark at elite college level then ITT Dublin is the place for you.

ITT Dublin's Sports Scholarship scheme is available in the sports indicated left.

Applicants must be currently performing to a high standard and interested in promotion and development of their Sport within the College.

For a list of courses visit: www.cao.ie or www.ittdublin.ie.

Applicants must meet the CAO minimum entry requirements.

For further information email: Sports@ittdublin.ie



Institute of Technology Tallaght Instituud Teicneolaíochta Tamhlacht













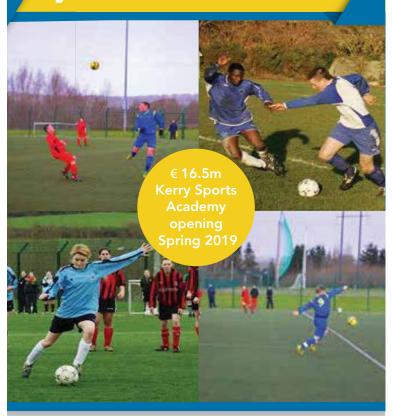
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Sports Scholarships at **IT Tralee**

Train your body and your brain at IT Tralee



For further information on our sports scholarships

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Sports Scholarships

The scholarships reward excellence and encourage outstanding performance in sport and are open to applicants for all programmes at IT Tralee. Successful recipients may be eligible to receive a place on reduced points in their chosen course.

Applications across all sports will be considered. IT Tralee sports scholarships have previously been awarded to athletes who excelled in the following sports: Athletics, Basketball, Boxing, Camogie, Golf, Football, Handball, Hockey, Hurling, Judo, Ladies Rugby, Ladies Soccer, Rowing, Rugby, Soccer & Taekwon-Do.

IT Tralee also offers Elite Performance Scholarships in addition to the existing Sports Scholarship Programme.



For further information:

Contact Jennifer Healy, Sports Officer. Tel: (066) 7145644

Email: jennifer.healy@staff.ittralee.ie Or contact the Admissions Office: (066) 7145638.

www.ittralee.ie













Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Leltir Ceanainn Letterkenny Institute of Technology

Letterkenny Institute of Technology New Entrant Soccer Scholarships



At LYIT our commitment to soccer development is growing all the time. The quest for new talent is continuous with the Sports Department always seeking to improve current standards in the game. If you are seeking a soccer scholarship in LYIT as a first time student, then the New Entrant Sports Scholarship Programme is available in various sports, but for the moment, let's concentrate on soccer.





The New Entrant Sports Scholarship

How do I apply?

As a new student coming to LYIT for the first time, you can complete the application form, having read the 'terms and conditions' documents. Both the application form and T&C's are available online and must be downloaded by the applicant. There are requirements attached to being a scholar in LYIT, including loyalty to the soccer club, putting the college club as a priority over other clubs and being available for all intervarsity games throughout the academic year.

How do I get the application?

The application form is downloaded from the LYIT website. To navigate to the exact location, go to LYIT.ie, choose the option 'Student Life' window at the top of the LYIT page. On opening the 'Student Life' window, choose 'Sport and Recreation' then go to 'Sports Scholarships and Awards' follow the drop down window to 'Scholarships' then 'click' on the print document option.

The application form, when completed, must be returned to Paddy Gallagher, Sports Officer, LYIT, with confirmation that the applicant is part of a League of Ireland U17, U19 or senior panel, which is a requirement of the application, (please read Terms and Conditions).

Frequently asked questions relating to New Entrant Sports Scholarships.

Q: Do I have to be accepted onto a Sports course in LYIT to get a New Entrant Scholarship?

A: No, you are entitled to apply for the New Entrant Scholarship as long as you intend to study any full time course in LYIT, this scholarship is NOT confined to those studying sport only.

Q: When do I apply for a New Entrant Sports Scholarship?

A: Applications are open from January each year and must be downloaded from the LYIT website. The application process closes in mid-April each year.

Q: What does LYIT expect of a Sports Scholar?

A: To represent the institute in competitive games and also, to be available for training sessions and team meetings. In the event of the scholar being a member of a League of Ireland senior squad, LYIT will seek clarification on your availability to represent the institute.



For further information: Contact: Paddy Gallagher Sports Officer Letterkenny Institute of Technology Letterkenny, Co. Donegal Email: paddy.gallagher@lyit.ie

SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP

In conjunction with AIB and







LIT Gold Sports Scholarships

• For those who are competing at the highest level of their chosen sport, eg. Intercounty, Interprovincial, International, FAI League of Ireland.

LIT Silver Sports Scholarship

- Aims to give students the opportunity to develop and attain the highest level in their chosen sport while studying in LIT.
- Also includes administration scholarships for those who are supporting the LIT sports clubs through other areas, eg. Social Media.





Financial Support Academic Support Lifestyle Mentoring Accommodation Support LIT Gym Membership Injury Management Sports Nutrition

LIT Branded Sportswear Cookery Workshops











Adrian Flaherty Sports Recreation Officer, LIT Sports Office, Moylish Park, Limerick.



Paul Browne GAA Development Officer, LIT Sports Office, Moylish Park, Limerick.



E: Sports@LIT.ie | T: 061293579

Application form available to download online: www.lit.ie/sports











MAYNOTH UNIVERSITY SOCCESSIP SCHOLARSHIP



MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP

Maynooth University is committed to the development of sporting excellence. We award a number of soccer scholarships annually to promote and foster sporting talent in the University.







UNIVERSITY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to meet the normal matriculation requirements and any special course requirements. In recognition of the competition and training commitments of high performance athletes, successful soccer scholarship applicants will be credited with up

to CAO 60 points (as required) to assist them get their Maynooth University course of choice. Applicants will be expected to have attained at least 300 points in their best six Leaving Certificte subjects. Postgraduate applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

SOCCER SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTS

Financial / Sports Psychology / Physiotherapy / Sports Nutrition / Experienced qualified coaching / Pathway to the National league's top flight (Link with LOI St Patrick's Athletic FC & WNL Peamount Utd FC) / Access to the highest standard third level soccer (CUFL & IUFU WSCAI) / Access to free gym & top class playing facilities / Mentored by a former Professional / Strength & Condition / Fitness Testing

ELIGIBILITY

Scholarships are intended for student-athletes with proven or perceived potential to perform at a high level. They are awarded to both under and postgraduate students for a period of one year, but can be renewed subject to a satisfactory level of academic and sporting progression being maintained.

Application is open to all regardless of which club you are currently play for.

FIND OUT MORE

Barry Prenderville Soccer Development Officer T. 086 795 4367 E. barry.prenderville@mu.ie







NORTHERN REGIONAL COLLEGE

COLERAINE | BALLYMENA | NEWTOWNABBEY | BALLYMONEY | MAGHERAFELT

Sport Exercise and Fitness - Foundation Degree

Successful completion of 240 credits (120 at Level 5) gains the award Foundation Degree, Exercise & Fitness—Accredited by University of Ulster. Students will then have the opportunity to progress to the second or third year of an Honours Degree program at University in Ireland, UK or USA.







IFA Sports Qualification Add On

In partnership with the IFA, you will be provided with the knowledge and skills to gain employment in a wide variety of sports careers, especially the football industry. Twelve qualifications studied over a two year period include: Level 1 Coaching Award; Futsal Level 1, OCN Level 2 in Football Business, Referee Award; Coaching Disabled Footballers Award. Work experience is also offered as part of this add on course. Please contact Connor McCullough (Course Coordinator) for more details.







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- High Performance
 Sporting Environment
- Elite level Sport Science Support
- IFA Coaching Qualifications
- 3 Day Week
- USA Scholarship Opportunities







Performance Points Scholarships



Receiving the Performance Points Scholarship was a great achievement for nevself. Being part of the sporting side of NUI Galway is such a privilege.

NUI Galway provides fantastic facilities and mentoring. With these benefits I believe I have a great opportunity to grow and develop into an even better player.

Lisa Casserly,

MJI Galway Sports Scholarship student & Republic of Ireland Soccer, Women's U19 Squap. NUI Galway is pleased to offer a Sports Scholarship that rewards students who are performing at the highest levels of their sport, while also pursuing their academic studies.

A limited number of scholarships will be offered to those students who apply to NUI Galway through the CAO and achieve a minimum of 350 CAO points in their Leaving Certificate. Successful candidates will be awarded 40 "Performance Points" which can be added to their CAO points upon entry to NUI Galway.

Application criteria:

- · Applicants must be new entrants to NUI Galway.
- Applicants must achieve a minimum of 350 CAO points from a single sitting of the Leaving Certificate in 6 subjects.
- · All Leaving Certificate entry course requirements must be met.
- Scholarship applies to full-time undergraduate courses only.
- · Offers may not be deferred.
- The Scholarship currently does not apply to GY501 Medicine.

The applicants will receive a number of benefits including: subsistence grant, performance support, gym membership and medical support. Support shall also be provided throughout the duration of the undergraduate degree of the successful candidates, as per the terms and conditions of the NUI Salvay athlete's charter. These terms and conditions are reviewed on an annual basis. See full list of benefits on the back page of this prospectus.

Application process

All applications to be completed online at www.sports.nuigatway.ie/scholarshippointsform.html
The scheme applies only to new entrants seeking full time undergraduate courses at NUI Galway.
Applicants must be under 21 years of age on 1st April in the year of application. And only those
sports whose National Governing body is recognised by the Irish Sports Council can be considered.

Closing Date

The closing date for the scholarship applications is 31st March each year.

Over the years, NUI Galway has supported many students in achieving success in both their academic and sporting careers. The Performance Points Scholarship is designed to assist students with their entry to their chosen degree, while supporting their development in sports and academia.

Elite Athlete Scholarships

The Elite Athlete Scholarship is one of Ireland's most successful scholarships in supporting young talented athletes reach the top of their sport and achieve academic excellence.

Our athletes have achieved recognition in their chosen sports at Olympic Games, World Championships, University World championships, European Championships, Rugby 6 Nations and as intercounty players in all four code of Gaelic sports. For further information on our sporting Alumni visit www.sports.nuigalway.ie.

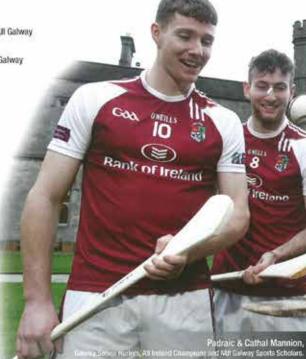
Applications will be accepted if

- · You are a current NUI Galway student
- . You are applying for an undergraduate programme at NUI Galway.
- . You are a student transferring to NUI Galway
- . You are applying for a postgraduate programme at NUI Galway

If you apply for the Performance Points Scholarship you will be automatically entered for consideration for the Elite Athlete Scholarship so you do not need to apply separately.

Apply online www.sports.nuigalway.ie/scholarshipeliteform.html

Closing Date 31st July each year





NUI Galway OÈ Gaillimh

THERE ARE OVER 50 DIFFERENT SPORTS CLUBS AT NUI GALWAY













NUI Galway Gaelic Football 22 times Sigerson Winners

Basketball Mee's Intervarsity Champions 2016

Shauma Fox. World University Games 2017

All Ireland Rowing Champions 2017 Maurice Nugent
World University Games 2017

Premier League Winners 20



The Academy Scholarship programme provides an environment for students to challenge themselves to get better. They are designed to drive up standards and reward those who demonstrate an ability to learn and are committed to the programmes in place. Benefits include:





Full gym membership

Individualised athletic programmes

Academy clothing

Sport nutrition and supplement provision

Physiotherapy support

· Academic flexibility

 Degree plus accreditation

 Coach development opportunities





RAISING OUR GAME AT TRINITY SPORT

Supporting our High Performance Students at Trinity College Dublin

Our range of sport scholarships offers an exciting and high level of support to aspiring and current elite athletes and world class performers.

They are designed to match the unrivalled high level of academic experience available at Trinity College, ensuring that talented and committed student athletes are fully supported during their time studying here.

In order to be eligible to receive a Trinity Sport scholarship you will

- Need to be either a current Trinity College student or have been successfully offered a place for the new academic year
- Be of regional/county, national or international standard in you chosen sport
- Agree to represent Trinity College Dublin within student or othe relevant individual and/or team sporting competitions

nationality, course, or year of study. Scholarships are awarded annually in September/October. Preference is given in sports already represented at club level within the college, and Olympic and Paralympic sports. Applications made in other sports will be considered on a case by case basis. Those unsuccessful with their scholarship application may be considered for a DUAFC bursary on case by case basis.

Trinity Sport www.tcd.ie/sport



2016/2017 Scholarships

Former Sports Scholars

Natalya Coyle - Irish Modern Pentathlon

Anna May Whelan - Irish Hockey

Ayman Ben Mohammad - Tunisian International/ Bohemian FC (Former)

Jack Kelly - Leinster and Irish U20 Rugby

Scholarship Programme Details

Our sports scholarships are broken down into four main categories



2015/2016 Scholarships

Trinity Sport scholarship programme - benefits	Academy	Development	Performance	Podium
Financial reimbursement		€500	€1,000	€3,500
Trinity Sport scholar kit	√	√	√	√
Specialist strength & conditioning training	1	√	√	1
Access to medical care pathway	\checkmark	✓	√	\checkmark
Nutritional support with cookery skills workshop	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark
Access to high performance training area	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark
Physiology analysis	\checkmark	✓	√	\checkmark
Physiological analysis and testing programme			\checkmark	\checkmark
Sports massage		\checkmark	✓	\checkmark
Athlete development workshops and seminars				
I→ Anti doping	\checkmark	✓	✓	\checkmark
└► Media and marketing	\checkmark	✓	✓	\checkmark
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Soccer at Trinity

The soccer club in Trinity was founded in 1883 and it is the oldest active football club in the country. Matches are played at the iconic College Park in the heart of Trinity College and at Santry Avenue.

Colleges and University Football

The club fields two teams in the men's Colleges and Universities Football League (CUFL) and one ladies team in the WSCAI Div. 1 League and cup. Our men's first team plays in the Premier Division North and a Fresher's selection plays in Division Three. The club also competes in the Harding Cup for Fresher's and the Collingwood Cup.

Leinster Senior League

The club was a founding member of the Leinster Senior League and continues to field teams in the Saturday Major 1 (junior section) and Sunday Senior 1A (intermediate section) divisions. In addition, the club enters the FAI Intermediate Cup each season and has previously qualified for the FAI Senior Cup in season 1996/97 before being eliminated by Bray Wanderers FC.



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Tom Rowley DUAFC Player Recruitment tom.rowley@doyleassoc.ie

2015/2016 Scholarships





UCC Soccer Scholarships

University College Cork provides elite sportspersons with the opportunity to apply for a variety of Sports Scholarships whilst pursuing their academic & sporting careers. UCC has a long established Sports Scholarship Scheme in place.

High achievers in sport may be offered scholarships prior to coming to UCC, contingent on leaving certificate qualifications. UCC Soccer Player Development Programme also supports high-performance and high-potential players with a very structured programme. UCC Sports Scholarship holders have represented the college well both home and abroad throughout the years

- 1. Quercus Sports Scholarships (www.ucc.ie/quercus)
- **2. UCC Sports Scholarship** (http://www.ucc.ie/en/sport)
- 3. Roy Keane Scholarship
- 4. UCC Player Development Programme

Scholarship recipients receive the support in below areas:

 Player Development Programme; Coaching, Fitness testing

High Performance Strength and Conditioning

Nutritional Advice

Sport Physiologist

Sport Medicine/Physiotherapy support

• Flexible academic arrangements and academic mentoring.

Access to top class Facilities;
 Mardyke Arena

Financial Support

UCC Sports Scholarship, Roy Keane Soccer Scholarship and the Player development Programme applications should be submitted on the prescribed form which shall be returned to the Department of Sport and Physical Activity ("DSPA"), Ferry Lodge, Mardyke Walk, Cork. All applicants must satisfy the normal entry requirement of the University and have been offered a place on a degree or postgraduate course at the university. Applicants should apply for such course through the CAO in the normal way.





For more information contact our Department of Sport and Physical Activity, or for application form, please email:

Greg Yelverton UCC/FAI Football Facilitator q.velverton@ucc.ie

For more information on all our scholarship schemes, please visit: www.ucc.ie



SOCCER SCHOLARSHIPS

The pursuit of excellence is part of the mission of University College Dublin.

In soccer, support for talented sportsmen and women in UCD is delivered on a number of levels, the long established Sports Scholarship programme, Ad Astra Elite Athlete Scholarship and potentially the Graduate Sport Scholarship.

UCD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMMES

The Soccer Scholarship programme and the Ad Astra Elite Athlete Scholarship are for students who wish to compete and succeed at the highest sporting levels while simultaneously attaining a degree at UCD, while the Graduate Sports Scholarship aims to support those who are furthering their education at post graduate level.

Scholarships were first introduced at UCD in 1979 by the Soccer Club under the direction of the late Dr. Tony O'Neill. Since the 1990's the scheme has expanded to include other sports and to date scholarships have been awarded to over 1500 students in many other sports including Athletics, Basketball, Rugby, GAA, Golf and Swimming to name but a few

Some of Ireland's best known soccer players have come through UCD's Soccer scholarship programme and have succeeded in both Ireland and abroad. Examples include Joe Hanrahan (Manchester United), Seamus Kelly (Cardiff City), Ken O'Doherty (Crystal Palace) and most recently Robbie Benson and Dave McMillan in Dundalk FC and Ronan Finn in Shamrock Rovers.

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The aim of the UCD Scholarship programmes is to give talented young people the opportunity of developing their sporting career by offering the highest standards in coaching, training, nutrition, strength and conditioning advice etc, while also completing their chosen course of study. By combining sports participation with academic work in an ideal environment within the University, a safety net is provided for the student and graduate career prospects are, to a large extent, guaranteed. Therefore, career-threatening injuries or illness or some other unforeseen circumstances do not have the same traumatic impact. The individual is encouraged through judicious balancing of the time available to ensure that neither academic nor sporting interests are compromised.



"It has been such an advantage to both my academic and sporting ambitions to be on a Football Scholarship here at UCD. All the ingredients needed for an athlete to excel are at your disposal, and it has provided me with a perfect platform to grow as a player. On top of this, education is a priority and the club is flexible regarding exams and important curricular work. The environment is idealistic to excel in both football and education."

Greg Sloggett | UCD Airtricity League player, World University Games, Europa League Qualifiers 2015, Captain U19 Enda McGuill Cup Champions

SOCCER SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION

Applicants for the UCD soccer scholarship programme will be athletes who have the potential to compete at the highest national level and above.



APPLICATION/SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants should apply to UCD through the CAO by **1st February** as normal. Applicants should also submit a supplementary scholarship application to the UCD Ad Astra Elite Athlete Academy by the **31st of January**. Unsuccessful applicants at Ad Astra level may elect to have their application automatically considered for a soccer scholarship. If deciding to apply solely for a soccer scholarship, applications open following the closure of the Ad Astra, on the 1st of February. Please check website for closing date.

Scholars will be selected through an initial shortlisting process and then in some cases interview and / or trial. UCD Soccer club in consultation with UCD Ad Astra and UCD Sport conduct the assessments. There are several important criteria that must be met, including an outstanding sporting ability, academic achievement and a willingness to train with and represent UCD in competition. Please note that a soccer scholarship can only be awarded where a student has applied for and gained a place on any UCD programme through the usual academic entry route. Scholarship awards are subject to renewal on an annual basis.



"Being on scholarship gives the unique opportunity to play football at the top level in the country whilst getting the best education. The club does its best to ensure we do well academically as well as in a sporting context, being very flexible with training sessions and matches if they clash with important classes and exams. This helps balance the workload between football and college! "

Samir Belhout | UCD Soccer Scholar



BENEFITS

Flexible admission arrangements are offered to the Ad Astra Sports Scholars, acknowledging that dedication to elite sport may potentially detract from academic achievement in the latter stages of schooling. As a result, conditional offers to successful applicants are given pending the achievement of subject and grade requirements. CAO points concession or equivalent however, is not applicable for Sports Scholarships.

A scholarship allowance, which may be used to offset fees or accommodation or used as a bursary

Guaranteed on-campus accommodation, costs for which may be offset with scholarship allowance

The support of a dedicated academic mentor

Free access to the pool, fitness centre, squad & high performance gyms

The support of expert coaching and technical support and Strength and Conditioning experts

The provision of physiotherapy and medical assistance, physiological testing, nutritional and fitness monitoring and sports psychology

Please visit www.ucd.ie/sport/scholarships to check the closing dates and to complete the on-line application form. No paper applications are accepted. Please note again, the Scholarship application form does not go live until the 1st of February, following the closing date of the Ad Astra Elite Athlete Academy.

UL Sports Scholarships



The University of Limerick has always been a leader in sport in Ireland. The campus boasts some of the best sports facilities in Europe and together with our leading sports academic programmes, elite coaches, sports scientists, accommodation and athlete support systems UL has a track record in developing world class talent in a wide variety of sports.

We are proud that so many Olympians, World and All Ireland Champions have chosen to study at UL and we have worked hard to support them in achieving both their sporting and academic potential while at UL.

Like any top athlete we want to continue to improve and now UL students will have access to the best sports scholarship package available in Ireland in the best possible training and study environment.

Professor Paul McCutcheon, Vice President Academic and Registrar.

Cover Photo: Michelle Finn, Olympic Steeplechaser, 85c Physical Education

What are the UL Sports Scholarships?

The UL Sports Scholarships are designed to support elite athletes in pursuing and excelling in their sport while also undertaking study at the University of Limerick.



Scholarships will be offered at 3 levels:

GOLD

Repport towers a training grant.

SILVER

Support Inventors training grant.

BRONZE

In addition UL will support all of the athletes with workshops and academic mentoring to help them achieve success in both academic and sporting careers.



Who can apply? How to apply?

The scholarship scheme is open to Applications can be made online at all current UL Students or those www.ul.is/sportsscholarships/apply applying to come to UL for the first time either through the CAO or transferring at undergraduate or postgraduate level.

Applicants must be a member of a national governing body of sport recognised by the Irish Sports Council, in the sport in which they are applying for a scholarship.

When to Apply?

Christopher Bryan

10k Open Water

Swimmer.

PhD Student

See our website for details on closing and award dates for the coming year.

→ www.uLie/sportsscholarships

Other UL Sports Scholarships

- The Bank of Ireland DAA High Performance Scholarships
 The Michael Hillery and Dacinta Offician Abledias Bcholarships
 The Heasey Campac Company / Semi Ireland Society Cooling Scholarship Scholarship Scholarship Scholarship

Alice O'Sullivan,

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BSc General Nursing

National Rowing Champion,

Mars details on these scholardings can be found on www.ul.le/sportsscholars/rips





Ireland's Sporting Campus

- . UL Sport Arena including the National Strength and Conditioning Centre, 50m Olympic pool, suspended running track and basketball arena.
- . Largest all-weather sports field complex in Europe Indoor rowing tank
- . The National Altitude
- Training Centre 400m outdoor and 60m Indoor athletics tracks
- . 30 acres of playing fields, tennis courts and batting cages.

Practice Abroad

The University of Limerick has the largest and most successful **ERASMUS** programme of any university in Ireland.





Thomas Barr, Olympic Hurdler, MSc Sports Performance

If you have any queries please send them by e-mail to sportsscholarships@ut.le











Soccer at Ulster University is just one of many sports covered across all of our four campuses. It's a very popular and competitive sport for our students. In recent years soccer has grown to new heights in both our men's and women's clubs. Ulster students have the opportunity to receive high quality coaching, training and support using world class facilities.

Our Jordanstown campus is also home to the IFA Girls' & Women's Football Performance Academy.

passionate and committed to being a leading university for sport by providing tailored, high-quality and innovative opportunities that allow students to maximise their potential. Ulster University supports high level

Performance Sport Scholarship Scheme



Talented Athlete Entry Scheme

- The Scheme is designed to assist talented young athletes gain access to a quality education whilst attaining success at the highest levels within their chosen sport by reducing the entry grades required for full-time undergradu-ate courses.
- A package of support services is offered for students on entry to Ulster University that includes access to screening, strength and conditioning, performance skills workshops, physiotherapy and merchandise.
- Fulfil your student experience and pursue opportunities to compete in senior intervarsity competitions and even the World University Games.
- To apply simply complete an online application form before 15th January 2019. uususport.org/taes-2019/

Performance Sport Scholarship Scheme

- The Performance Sport Scholarship scheme provides funding to support for one year, the course fees of high performing students who represent Ulster University in Senior Intervarsity Soccer competitions.
- Allows the successful student to benefit from flexible study options as well as specialist sports performance services, which include strength and conditioning coaching, nutritional advice, sports psychology and mentoring.
- Online application form and further scheme details can be made available by contacting the details provided.

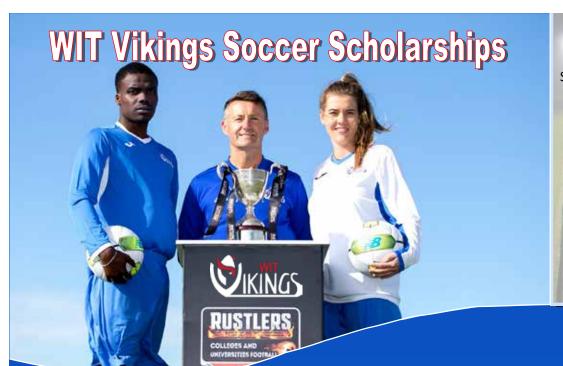
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For more information contact

⊠ soccer@ulster.ac.uk

ulster.ac.uk/sport/ ¥ @ulsterunisoccer

Ulster University Soccer



The WIT Vikings Soccer Scholarship Program offers an athlete led development programme aimed at elite soccer players. The WIT Vikings Soccer Club currently have a number of Waterford FC and players from the region studying in the college who are committed to their sporting and academic development.

Scholarship services include

Financial Support Access to High performance Gym & Coaches

Academic Support Nutrition & Sport Science Support

Physiotherapy & Medical Support Performance & lifestyle workshops



FAQ

When do I need to apply?

Submit application by 1st March 2018 for 'Early Offers'. Second round reopens 1st April-12th Sept.

Is there additional points for scholarship students?

No. However Sports Coaching and Performance allow up to 50 points add on while Recreation & Sports Management have reserved places available to high level athletes.

*Must be No.1 on CAO when 1st round closes.

How do I apply?

Apply online at www.wit.ie/sportscholarships



WIT and WFC Soccer Scholarship

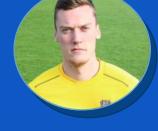
This year WFC U19 and WIT First team players Darryl Walsh and Jack Larkin will benefit from the WFC scholarship programme. It helps players develop both on and off the pitch



Tom Grinsell (WIT Sports Manager), Jack Power (WFC General Manager), Jack Larkin (WFC U19), Darryl Walsh (WFC U19), Alan Reynolds (WFC Manager), Sean Geoghegan (Sports Officer & Premier Div Coach)

"The scholarship has helped me keep a balance between my studies and football. It's great to be rewarded for your efforts on the pitch and also great to see the scholarship office put the effort into making the programme as beneficial as possible."

Matthew Connor—Waterford FC Goalkeeper & WIT Graduate 2018





WIT Vikings Sports

WIT Vikings Soccer Club



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