

TERMS AND CONDITIONS – ELITE ATHLETE GRANT

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RELATED DOCUMENTS	
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1. Purpose

The Australian National University (ANU) is part of the Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) program, which is designed to provide support to eligible students during their studies. ANU Sport recognises the challenges elite athletes face in balancing study, training, and competition commitments. To support eligible ANU students, ANU Sport offers a grants program to aid these students to participate and excel in their chosen sport.

2. Student Athlete Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the ANU Sport Elite Athlete Grant, the applicant must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- 2.1 Must be a current ANU student enrolled in a minimum of one course during Semester 1 or Semester 2 of the calendar year of application.
- 2.2 Must provide proof of enrolment at the ANU through the Interactive Student Information System.
- 2.3 Must provide written support from a State or National Sporting Organisation confirming elite athlete status.
- 2.4 Must provide written evidence that the sporting event is being held in the calendar year of the application, or that the training/equipment required is for an elite event i.e. National or International representation.
- 2.5 Must be registered with ANU Access & Inclusion as an Elite Athlete and the EAFU program.

3. Application Process

To apply for the ANU Sport Elite Athlete Grant, the applicant must complete and submit the following:

- 3.1 required online application form that can be obtained from the ANU Sport website.
- 3.2 all relevant supporting documentation as per the application checklist.

4. Application Checklist

Applicants are to ensure the following documents are included and attached with their application:

4.1 Proof of ANU enrolment.

4.1.1 This must be the official ANU enrolment transcript letter obtained from the Interactive Student Information System.

4.2 Proof of ANU EAFU program registration.

4.2.1 This must be the official ANU Elite Athlete Education Plan letter provided by ANU Access & Inclusion.

4.3 Letter of support from State or National Sporting Organisation.

4.3.1 The letter of support should outline the athlete's status as a selected representative.

4.3.2 The letter of support should include any expenses the athlete may be responsible for covering (i.e. travel, equipment, purchase of uniform, etc.), which the athlete may apply for a financial support through this Grant.

4.4 Breakdown of total expenses and costs for the category in which the athlete is applying to receive funding toward as outlined below in *Clause 7*.

4.5 Copy of all receipts and/or paid invoices relevant to the breakdown of total expenses and costs.

5. ANU Sport Club Affiliation

The requirements for the applicant to be an ANU Sport Club member is not applicable for the 2025 ANU Sport Elite Athlete Grant.

6. External Sponsorship/Grant Funding

Funding is not intended to substantially cover the total costs of the applicants' requirements to compete in their designated sport, rather it is awarded as a token of encouragement and support to assist with the costs associated as an elite athlete.

Additionally, in circumstances where other funding is available to support the individual, the ANU Sport Elite Athlete Grant assistance may only be proportionally available. This will be at the discretion of ANU Sport.

7. ANU Sport Elite Athlete Funding

ANU Sport Elite Athlete Grant funding is limited each semester with a maximum level of funding available for each application being \$1,000.00. Students may submit one application per semester; however, priority will be given to athletes who are yet to receive funding. The funding is to be used to help ANU student athletes meet the costs associated with training and competing as an elite athlete. Funding must be in support of activities that have occurred in 2025.

The following categories are permitted to assist with the personal costs associated in achieving the applicants goal as an elite athlete:

7.1 Travel to sporting event for training camps and competitions:

- Cannot include local petrol costs.
- Cannot include wear and tear of vehicle.
- Costs can only be claimed if it is a direct cost incurred by the individual.

7.2 Accommodation associated with overnight travel to sporting event for training camps and competitions:

- Must be an actual cost for staying in a hotel or equivalent.
- Costs can only be claimed if it is a direct cost incurred by the individual.

7.3 Equipment required to participate in the designated sport for event training camps and competitions:

- Must be sport specific equipment associated with the sport the athlete has elite status and is participating in.

7.4 Sporting event training camp and competition uniforms that are not provided by the sporting governing body and must be purchased by the athlete:

- Must be sport specific and a requirement mandated by the sporting governing body.
- ANU Sport may request evidence of this prior to approving the funding.

7.5 Sporting event registrations:

- Must be a qualification or equivalent event associated with the sport the athlete has elite status and is participating in.

7.6 ANU Sport Fitness Centre membership and / or access to the ANU Sport facilities:

- Must be part of a training program mandated by the sporting governing body.
- ANU Sport may request evidence of this prior to approving the funding.

8. Application Timelines

Applications for the 2025 ANU Sport Elite Athlete Grant will be processed in two rounds, one for each Semester.

8.1 Semester 1 applications will be open from 9am Monday 6th January and close 5pm Friday 20th June 2025:

- For sporting events being held between 1 January and 30 June 2025.

8.2 Semester 2 applications will be open from 9am Monday 21st July and close 5pm Friday 14th November 2025:

- For sporting events being held between 1 July and 31 December 2025.

8.3 Following the closing dates, all applications will be reviewed, and successful applicants notified within 7 days of applications closing. Unless otherwise advised by ANU Sport.

9. Issue of ANU Sport Elite Athlete Grant

All ANU Sport Elite Athlete Grant applications will be assessed based on the following selection criteria hierarchy:

9.1 International/National representation:

- 9.1.1 Travel expenses.
- 9.1.2 Accommodation expenses.
- 9.1.3 Equipment expenses.
- 9.1.4 Uniform expenses.
- 9.1.5 Event registrations.
- 9.1.6 ANU Sport Fitness Centre membership and / or ANU Sport facility access.

9.2 State representation:

- 9.2.1 Travel expenses.
- 9.2.2 Accommodation expenses.
- 9.2.3 Equipment expenses.
- 9.2.4 Uniform expenses.
- 9.2.5 Event registrations.
- 9.2.6 ANU Sport Fitness Centre membership and / or ANU Sport facility access.

All applicants will be notified of their application status no later than 7 days after the closing date. Applicants who are successful will be required to sign the Athlete Agreement and will have their ANU Sport Elite Athlete Grant funds issued electronically into a nominated bank account.

APPENDIX A: ANU STUDENT ATHLETE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Including but not limited to:

1. University Recruitment (Open Days and events promoting the ANU and ANU Sport)
 - Open Days
 - O Week
 - Bush Week
 - UniSport Nationals
2. ANU Sport Publications
 - Newsletter – student profile or similar
 - Post-competition report
 - Website
 - Any other promotional and marketing material
 - Linking or tagging ANU Sport in social media with facility use.
3. ANU Media and Communications
 - Example - Strategic Communications and Public Affairs may be interested in running a story
 - Newspaper article including photograph
 - Television
 - Social media channels – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram
4. Coaching Sessions

Delivering coaching sessions, for your own sport or other (where possible), with teams from the following ANU Sport programs:

 - ANU Sport Clubs
 - UniSport Nationals
 - Intervarsity
5. Any other involvement, aside from coaching, with any of the above programs.

EXAMPLE: Talk about goal setting, pre-game and tournament preparation etc. assistance with running a gala day or similar.
6. ANU Sport Events
 - Blues Awards
 - Other sports awards nights/events

APPENDIX B: POST COMPETITION REPORT

As part of the ANU Sport Elite Athlete Grant Agreement, recipients of the Grant will be required to provide ANU Sport with a written report (no longer than 300 words). This report will be used by ANU Sport for promotional and marketing materials on their website and through social media channels.

As a guide, the following topics can be included in the report:

- Tournament results
- Account of team performance
- Account of personal performance
- Cultural interactions you may have experienced
- Something new that you encountered
- Any challenges, sporting or personal, that you experienced during the event
- Most memorable aspect of experience
- Any motivating factors that will inspire you to pursue your sporting goals further

It would be greatly appreciated if you could attach a photograph/s from your training or travels, these can be related to any part of your experience including action shots and/or sightseeing ventures.