

Open Call for 2010/2011 UCD Elite Athlete Academy Scholarships

The UCD Elite Athlete Academy is a new scholarship program being offered for the 2010/2011 season to those who wish to compete and succeed at the highest sporting levels, while simultaneously attaining a University degree. This is a separate scholarship to the existing UCD Rowing Sports Scholarship with increased benefits including:

- Flexible entry to the applicant's academic program of choice
- Financial assistance against fees and living costs
- Campus accommodation
- Sports Science mentoring
- Free Strength & Conditioning, Sports Psychology and Physiotherapy support
- Free access to UCD Sports Facilities
- Free travel to national and international competitions

The flexible academic entry system is designed to help those who through dedication to their sport, might not have otherwise achieved the necessary CAO points to earn a place. Typical minimum academic standards will be communicated to the applicants during the interview stage. The financial assistance also extends to those who are looking to pursue postgraduate study.

Eligibility:

The scholarship program has been developed for exceptional athletes who are competing at the highest available level in their chosen sport and who have identifiable potential for further improvement. The minimum standard of entry is Junior International representation.

The existing UCD Rowing Sports Scholarships have less stringent eligibility requirements and their deadline for applications is later in the year. Applicants may apply to both scholarship programs.

How to apply:

The Elite Athlete Academy entry procedure is additional and separate to that of the Central Applications Office (CAO). Students should complete their CAO forms as usual by the 1st February for undergraduate admission. Graduate applicants should apply directly to the University in the normal way.

In addition to this process, applicants must submit a supplementary application to the UCD Elite Athlete Academy **no later than the 1st February**. Applicants are expected to supply all the details required and sign the declaration at the bottom of the form. The application form and further details are available here: <http://www.ucd.ie/sport/eliteathleteacademy/>

Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted and it is expected that interview stages will take place in late February, with conditional offers announced shortly after.

Contact information:

Completed application forms and queries on application forms should be sent to eliteathleteacademy@ucd.ie

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