

MACQUARIE SPORTS

YOUNG WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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About Macquarie Sports

Since its establishment in 1999, Macquarie Sports has provided more than 30,000 children with opportunities to participate in coaching clinics and meet elite Australian and international athletes. Macquarie Sports is funded by the Macquarie Group Foundation and businesses within the Macquarie Group.

Macquarie Sports aims to provide positive sporting role models to young Australians to inspire and motivate them to do their best. Liz Ellis, Matthew Hayden and Nathan Hindmarsh are some of the sportspeople involved in Macquarie Sports' programs.

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As most women's sports are not professional in status, the majority of elite female athletes compete at a national or international level while also working full-time or studying. There are few networks or programs in the corporate sector designed to support such sportswomen, despite their dual pursuit of sporting and career goals making them prime candidates for employment. Such athletes lack the opportunities given to other sportspeople in professional codes and can therefore find it difficult to enter the corporate world during or after their sporting careers.

The Macquarie Sports' scholarships give elite young sportswomen the networks and resources necessary to move smoothly from the sporting arena to the workplace. The scholarships provide financial support, training, mentoring, work experience and casual employment.

Opportunities for professional growth and development depend on the athlete and their level of involvement with the program. Every effort is made to carefully structure the recipients' scholarships to cater to their training, study and career commitments.

Regular reviews with the athletes are conducted throughout the year to ensure recipients are maximising their opportunities with Macquarie Sports.

Scholarship Benefits

- Financial support to the value of \$1000 for sport-related travel and/or equipment costs and an allowance for appropriate business attire
- Work experience (unpaid) at Macquarie in an area relevant to the applicant
- Sporting mentoring from a panel of mentors including Liz Ellis
- Paid casual employment on Macquarie Sports' projects/programs as they arise, such as sports clinics and functions
- Networking opportunities through Macquarie Sports' relationships with corporate, government, sporting and not-for-profit organisations.

The scholarship year commences on 2 May 2011 and concludes on 2 May 2012.

Selection Criteria

Applications are sought from ambitious, focused and well-organised young women who are committed to both their sporting careers and their professional goals. Candidates must:

- Be aged between 20 and 25 years
- Be a permanent resident of New South Wales
- Be a current Australian and/or New South Wales representative in the past three years at junior or open level
- Be willing to pursue a professional career beyond their sporting commitments (e.g. study at TAFE, university or college, work experience in your chosen field)
- Be in their final or second last year of their course of study
- Demonstrate sound academic performance at secondary and/or tertiary level and
- Not currently have full-time employment.

The weighting of these criteria will be at the discretion of the selection committee. The overall quality of the application will also be taken into account.

How to apply

Applications must include the following:

- Resume
- UAI result and subject certificates
- Most recent university/TAFE/college transcript (if applicable)
- One character reference (not from a family member)
- Macquarie Sports application form
- An example of your typical weekly training/work/study schedule
- A written statement of 300 words or less, explaining your sporting and career goals for the future and how a scholarship with Macquarie Sports would help you pursue these goals. Include any other information not included in your application form that you feel the selection committee needs to know about you.

More Information

Applicants are encouraged to visit www.macquarie.com.au to research Macquarie and to understand the areas within the Group they could potentially access through the scholarship program. These include human resources, communications, sports management and administration, information technology, law, property, banking, financial services and many more.

Please note that this scholarship program is not related to the Macquarie Graduate, Summer Vacation or Industrial Student programs. People wishing to apply for these programs should contact the Graduate Recruitment Team. Visit http://www.macquarie.com/uk/aboutus/career/s/graduate_recruitment.htm for more information.

Application Process

Applicants must complete and submit the Application Form with supporting documentation by mail, fax or email no later than **Friday 15 April, 2011**. A shortlist of applicants will be compiled and contacted the following week to arrange a suitable time for an interview. An orientation morning will be held at a time suitable to all recipients in early May.

Unsuccessful applicants will be contacted by mail in due course.

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