

MACQUARIE SPORTS

YOUNG WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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About Macquarie Sports

Macquarie Sports has been in existence for the past 10 years, during which it has provided more than 30,000 children with opportunities to participate in coaching clinics and meet elite athletes of Australian and world sport. Macquarie Sports is funded by the Macquarie Group Foundation and businesses within the Macquarie Group.

Macquarie Sports aims to provide positive sporting role models such as Liz Ellis, Matthew Hayden and Nathan Hindmarsh to young Australians to inspire and motivate them to strive to do their best.

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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 studying or working full-time to support themselves. There are few networks or programs in the corporate sector designed to support such sportswomen, despite the fact that their dual pursuit of sporting and career goals makes 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 opportunity to equip themselves with the networks and resources necessary to make a smooth transition 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 will depend entirely upon the athlete and their level of involvement with the program. Every effort will be made to carefully structure the recipients' scholarships to cater to their training, study and career commitments.

Regular reviews with the athletes will be 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 and Kerri Pottharst.
- 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 will commence on 02 March 2009 and conclude on 02 March 2010.

Selection Criteria

Applications are sought from ambitious, focused and well-organised young women who are committed to both their sporting careers and their professional/career pursuits.

- Sportswomen aged between 20 and 25 years.
- Must be a permanent resident of New South Wales.
- Must be a current Australian and/or New South Wales representative in the past three years at junior or open level.
- Demonstrated ambition to pursue a professional career beyond their sporting commitments (e.g: study at TAFE, university or college, work experience in your chosen field).
Applicants must be in their final or second last year of their course of study.
- Sound academic performance at secondary and/or tertiary level.
- Must 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)
- 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 may 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.

Applicants are encouraged to visit www.macquarie.com.au to research Macquarie and to understand the areas within the Group that 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 any part of the Macquarie Graduate, Summer Vacation or Industrial Student program. People wishing to apply for these programs can contact the Graduate Recruitment Team. Visit http://www.macquarie.com/uk/aboutus/careers/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 23 January, 2009**. 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 March.

Unsuccessful applicants will be contacted by mail in due course.

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