

## Institute of Technology Blanchardstown Elite and High Performance Sports Scholarships 2017/2018

### ITB Sports Scholarship Scheme 2017/2018

To apply for an ITB Sports Scholarship you must meet a minimum of one of the below criteria

All chosen Sports must be recognized and funded by the Irish Sports Council

Eligibility:

#### Elite Performance (EP)

Athletics – Senior International representation

Basketball – Senior International

GAA – Senior Intercounty

Rugby – Senior Provincial Squad

Soccer – International representation, Senior Airtricity League

#### High Performance (HP)

Athletics – Underage International representation

Badminton – Provincial representation

Basketball – Premier League

Boxing - International representation

GAA – Minor or U21 Intercounty

Rugby – Provincial Developmental Squad, Senior AIL League

Soccer – Division 1 Ladies or Airtricity League U19 player

Water Sports - International Representational

Martial Arts – International Honors

Minority Sports – International Representational

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## ITB Sports Scholarships

ITB Sports Scholarships at the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown (ITB). By providing scholarships to gifted sports students we hope to encourage them to reach their full potential both academically and sportingly. We believed that this will also help the college in establishing its name as a progressive Institute that encourages ability and puts in place structures that will help them succeed their future goals

***The scholarships proposal offers multi-faceted benefits for the prospective students, the Institute and the greater community***

The principal concern of the scholarship scheme is the recipients' welfare. In this regard, considerable focus and effort would be ensuring that there is a balance between meeting the physical demands of the college club and their academic workload.

### *Benefits for Students*

- ✓ Payment of €500/€1000 in December 2017.
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- ✓ Training gear fully covered.
- ✓ Access to ITB Sports facilities.
- ✓ Physiological Assessment/Fitness Testing and follow-up training.
- ✓ Athlete mentoring diary.
- ✓ The opportunity to receive expert coaching.
- ✓ Athletic Therapy Support (up to 2 visits per semester).
- ✓ Two developmental workshops per year.
- ✓ Accesses to an academic mentor.

### *Criteria for Selection of Recipients*

- ✓ Successful applicants must meet at least one of the eligibility criteria listed on page one.
- ✓ Successful applicants shall be free from major injury or illness that would prevent them from playing for a considerable time from the time of commencement of programme. Applicants may be asked to undergo a physical fitness test and medical examination.
- ✓ The recipient will be assigned a mentor who will write a brief report once a semester (twice annually) indicating whether or not that satisfactory academic and sporting progress is being achieved.

### *Ongoing Responsibilities of Scholarship Recipients*

A satisfactory level of academic and sporting progress is essential for the Scholarship to be drawn down

- ✓ The recipient of a scholarship must be prepared to commit themselves to involvement in the ITB club and must be available to represent the club in third-level competition whilst in receipt of scholarship.
- ✓ A satisfactory level of sporting progress is essential as well as adherence to the Code of Conduct. These will be reviewed by a Scholarship Committee. Scholarships may be renewed subject to minimum sporting and academic requirements. In addition, scholarship recipients will be required to undergo regular physiological assessments including nutritional analysis and self-evaluation with regard to playing standards and attitudes.
- ✓ From time-to-time recipients may be asked to make themselves available for photo sessions and other promotional events on behalf of ITB.
- ✓ It is generally expected that the scholarship recipient should be at the forefront of their clubs' activities whether it is in participating, training, fund-raising, organising etc., i.e. the student should set an example to other members.
- ✓ Recipients will be required to maintain a satisfactory academic standard and must ensure a good attendance record at classes.
- ✓ Recipients must obtain a minimum of 20 ECTS credits in their Semester one examinations to be eligible for the second installment of the Scholarship

The Scholarship can be withdrawn if:

- ✓ Scholarship recipient does not complete a minimum acceptable level of attendance and performance at training or fails to maintain acceptable levels of fitness.
- ✓ Scholarship recipient displays unsatisfactory behavioral standards or brings the College name into disrepute.
- ✓ Scholarship recipient fails to represent the college adequately in their sporting domain.
- ✓ Scholarship recipients do not reach the minimum level of academic achievement outlined above.

If the scholarship is withdrawn the scholarship recipient may appeal to a Scholarship Committee. Notice of appeal must be lodged with the Sports Officer (in writing) within two weeks of notification of the loss of scholarship. The appeal is heard in the presence of the Scholarship Committee, a Student Union representative and a college representative. A student who has lost a scholarship may regain the award if they are able to successfully demonstrate to the Scholarship Committee that they are able to overcome and address the reasons for scholarship withdrawal. An academic mentor may be appointed to successful candidates, with whom regular contact must be maintained by the scholarship recipient.

**Completed Application Forms should be returned to;**  
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**The closing date for receipt of applications is 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017**