Professional Development Opportunity
HECS scholarships for TIS athletes and staff

Take advantage of a professional or personal development opportunity with a HECS scholarship and a choice of more than 100 courses to interest you. Open to all athletes and staff.

Whether you are an elite athlete, a coach or working in an administrative capacity with the Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS), professional and personal development through further education is an ideal way of keeping your knowledge and skills updated, as well as improving your career opportunities either immediately or at the end of your competitive career.

As an Elite Athlete Friendly University, the University of Tasmania has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the TIS, committing to a collaboration that prepares and provides ongoing support and learning opportunities for athletes and staff of the TIS. This commitment includes a new initiative that offers HECS scholarships for study at the University of Tasmania valued at up to $2520 per year.

All eligible athletes and staff will be entitled to a HECS scholarship for study of up to 25% of a full-time university load per annum, throughout 2014. This may be made up of two 12.5% units or one 25% unit each year, for either full-time or part-time study.

How do I qualify for a HECS scholarship?

This opportunity is extended to all athletes and staff of the TIS who:

– Are training with or employed by the TIS on a continuing basis (full-time and part-time) or on a fixed-term contract of 12 months or more;
– Will continue to be training with or employed by the TIS while undertaking the HECS scholarship units;
– Are eligible for a Commonwealth supported place under the HECS-HELP system (this applies to most people – for eligibility guidelines see www.goingtouni.gov.au); and
– Are not currently receiving any other University of Tasmania HECS scholarships.

Which courses can I choose from?

Eligible TIS athletes and staff may choose from units in any of the University's undergraduate courses or those postgraduate coursework programs that are offered on a Commonwealth supported basis. These HECS scholarships apply to units undertaken towards obtaining an initial qualification, for professional or personal development, or for general interest. Subject areas in undergraduate programs cover a full range of sciences, humanities, creative arts, business, law, education and more.

If there is a unit of study that would interest you but the scheduling does not fit your timetable, or if you have any other suggestions that you feel would be of value to athletes and employees of the TIS, the University welcomes your feedback.

You can email your suggestions to the Uni Info Centre at Course.Info@utas.edu.au
How do I get started?

There are a number of steps to take in order to get started on your study and HECS scholarship at the University of Tasmania:

- Decide which course you are interested in — if you are unsure, contact the University Info Centre on 1300 363 864 or Course.Info@utas.edu.au for information and course advice.
- Submit your application online at www.utas.edu.au/apply
- Once you have received your offer of a place, follow the instructions provided to accept the offer and arrange to attend a Ready for Uni workshop. Here you will receive necessary information and have the opportunity to complete your enrolment for the units you will be studying.
- When completing your enrolment in the eSTUDENTCENTRE (www.utas.edu.au/enrolments ) you must also complete the TIS HECS scholarship application (accessed via the “Scholarships” option listed on the side menu). You will be required to enter your name, email address and phone number, as well as your organisation/employer (TIS) and your staff/student ID number (to ensure eligibility, the university will verify your name and staff ID with TIS).
- The scholarship deduction will appear on the fees invoice sent to you by the University of Tasmania.

For those people who have been away from study for a number of years it is recommended attending “UniStart” — an introduction to study at the University of Tasmania. This four-day course takes place just prior to the start of each semester, and is also available online.

Who can I contact for more information?

For more information about the HECS scholarships for TIS athletes and staff, contact the Uni Info Centre on 1300 363 864 or email Course.Info@utas.edu.au

Notes:

- The HECS scholarship offer is valid for study until 31 December 2014.
- TIS staff have access to HECS Scholarships for study up to a maximum 25% load per year.
- The University of Tasmania reserves the right to limit enrolments in high demand units and courses, so act early to avoid disappointment.
- The University of Tasmania reserves the right to amend scholarship allocation again units, if necessary, for administrative purposes.