

UTS ELITE ATHLETE PROGRAM



utsathleteprofile - Joanne Brigden-Jones

The combination of elite sport and University education is difficult to say the least, and it takes a very special kind of person to excel in both. Success in study and sport is something Joanne achieved consistently throughout her time at UTS as a scholarship holder within the Elite Athlete Program. Joanne is an Australian sprint kayaker and has had a long and successful sporting career, however Jo really came into her own when she began her studies at UTS in 2006.

Joanne saw great benefit in combining her elite sporting activities with a tertiary education. She recognised that the traits that make a great sportsperson; commitment, dedication,

discipline, were the same traits that would assist her in succeeding at University. On the water, Jo's results excelled. At the 2009 National Championships Jo took home 4 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze and was the most successful sprint kayaker at the regatta. She also competed in her first senior World Titles that year in Canada, where she appeared in four finals; more than any other Australian female at their maiden appearance. Most recently Jo produced her best result at a World Cup, claiming Bronze in the women's K1 200m in Szeged, Hungary.

Joanne was the UTS Sportswoman of the year in 2008 and 2009 and academically she was

rewarded for her excellent results, winning the 2009 NSWIS Academic Excellence Award.

Jo graduated at the end of 2009 with a Bachelor of Nursing and she attributed her ability to combine elite sport and her education to the flexibility and support offered through the UTS Elite Athlete Program.



programstructure

A considerable fund has been established by UTS Union to provide support to high achievers in a wide range of sporting pursuits.

UTS Union has two programs to support athletes of UTS:

- Elite Athlete Program; and
- Emerging Athlete Program.

Elite Athlete Program:

Each scholar in the Elite Athlete Program will receive:

- Financial assistance in the form of a cash grant of up to \$3000 depending on performance level.
- Free use of the UTS Union Fitness Centre and consultation and programming services.

- Subsidised fees when competing for UTS in University Sporting Competitions.
- Assistance with academic matters via the Elite Athlete Friendly University Network

Emerging Athlete Program:

Each scholar in the Emerging Athlete Program will receive:

- A grant towards each University Games competed in annually.
- Free use of the UTS Fitness Centre; or reciprocal membership to the UTS Kuring-Gai Gym.
- Assistance with academic matters via the Elite Athlete Friendly University Network

Elite Athlete Friendly University Network

One of the aims of UTS Union and UTS is to assist our athletes in balancing their sporting and academic commitments. As a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly University Network UTS will attempt to assist athletes in the following areas:

- Assistance with assignment extension requests and defer exam requests
- Timetable/study planning
- Enrolment assistance
- Examinations – assistance negotiating location and supervision arrangements
- Lecture flexibility – assistance negotiating alternate attendance

2011 eligibility

- Any enrolled student who is a member of the 2011 UTS Union Advantage Program is eligible to apply for a sports scholarship.
- The student may be enrolled in university either part or full time.
- The student will only receive their entitlements in the semester they are a) enrolled in and b) they are a member of the 2011 UTS Union Advantage Program.
- A scholarship applicant must be a 2011 UTS Union Advantage Program member by the closing of scholarship applications; 5pm Friday 4 March 2011.
- The student must be a representative of the University Games team if relevant.

- The student must be a member of a UTS sporting club for the sport in which they seek the scholarship.
- The Union Board reserves the right in special circumstances to grant a scholarship to students who do not meet the above eligibility criteria.

Note: Athletes holding a sporting scholarship with another Australian University will not be considered.

2011 Elite Athlete Program Scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria:

Level 1 – Olympian, World Champions or ranked in the top 5 in the World

Level 2 – National Team Member, AIS Full

Scholarship Holder
Level 3 – EAFU, NSWIS (Snr), State Rep (Snr Team) no institute

Athletes who don't fulfill the Level 1-3 criteria above will be considered for the Emerging Athlete Program.