DkIT General Elite Athlete Sports Scholarship Application Form

2019/2020 Information and Criteria
This initiative is aimed at those candidates who wish to pursue a full-time third level education whilst simultaneously pursuing a playing career at the highest level of your designated sport.

- 1st year applicants must have applied through the CAO by 1st February, or as late application by May 1st. (A date of 1st February applies for mature students over the age of 23 by 1st January of the year of application).
- The Selection Panel for the General Elite Athlete Sports Scholarship will consist of:
  - The DkIT Sports & Societies Officer;
  - The DkIT School Liaison Officer;
  - Sports Partnership Nominee
  - An academic staff nominee of the President of the Institute.
- Applicants must complete the DkIT General Elite Athlete Sports Scholarship Application Form by 12 noon 1st May 2019.
- The initial selection process will be held in the week beginning Monday 20th May 2019 and will be completed by Friday 24th May.
- Provisional offers of scholarships will be made by the Selection Panel, subject to the candidate subsequently been offered and accepting a place on the 1st year of a full time programme at DkIT for the academic year 2019 – 2020.
- The Selection Panel will only offer scholarships to suitable qualified candidates and this may result in some or all of the scholarships not being offered. The emphasis will be on ‘quality’ and the interview panel will not be obliged to offer/fill all the available scholarship places.
- Where the Selection Panel deems it appropriate it may also draw up a waiting list of other candidates who will be offered a scholarship in the event of one or more of those who were made a provisional offer do not take up that offer for whatever reason.
- The applicant will be assessed under both academic and sporting
Successful Scholarship Applicants will be entitled to the following:

- Scholarships recipients will receive a bursary and will not be required to pay the DkIT Facilities Contribution Fee (currently €125) for the academic year for which the scholarship is awarded.
- Free membership of DkIT Sports Leisure facilities.
- The provision of appropriate Sports gear etc.

The bursary will be paid in two equal instalments to be paid at the commencement of Semester 1 and 2 of each academic year subject to the scholarship holder continuing to comply with all the requirements of the scholarship scheme.

Successful Scholarship Applicants must fulfil the following criteria:

- Scholarship students who may be eligible for grant funding will be required to process their grant applications in line with current grant regulations.
- Progression through the programme each year and compliance in full with the conditions of the Scholarship both as regards academic and SPORTING performance.
- Examination results must be submitted to the Sports & Societies Office after each examination session.
- Registration with the Sports & Societies Office at the start of each academic year and active participation with the relevant DkIT Sports Club.
- The Successful Scholarship Applicant will be expected to act as an ambassador for the Institute in general and specifically this will include active participation in Open Days, Career Fairs and events, second level school recruitment initiatives etc. In this context the scholarship holder will be expected to liaise and cooperate with the Institute School Liaison Officer.
- Where the Scholarship holder fails to progress to the next stage of the relevant academic programme in any academic session, he or she will cease to hold the scholarship. Upon subsequent successful completion of the academic stage concerned, he or she can re-apply to the General Elite Athlete Sports Scholarship Committee for restoration of the scholarship.
- The scholarship committee is to ensure that all academic work and targets are been completed and achieved.

Administration of the General Elite Athlete Sports Scholarship Scheme

- The administration of the General Elite Athlete Sports Scholarship scheme will be overseen by the General Elite Athlete Sports Scholarship Committee and this committee will be the final decision maker as to the interpretation of this scheme.
- For this purpose the committee will consist of the DkIT Sports & Societies Officer, Academic Administration and Student Affairs Manager, the School Liaison Officer, a representative of DkIT Students Union and an academic member of staff appointed by the President.
Important Dates:
1st Feb 2019         CAO early Closing Date
1st May 2019         CAO late Closing Date
12noon 1st May 2019  Closing Date for Scholarship Application Form
1st July 2019        CAO change of mind closing date

DKIT SPORT
DkIT Sport has a proud sporting tradition and fields teams in Soccer, Rugby, Gaelic, Archery, Basketball, Volleyball and Table Tennis.

The vision of the DkIT Sports Scholarship Programme is to focus on developing our top athletes so that they are in a position to achieve sporting success and development, during and after their time at Dundalk Institute of Technology.

The Institute provides various facilities on campus which are used for by DkIT Clubs for the various activities they take part in.

Indoor Facilities
The Institute at present offers the following Indoor Facilities:
- Multi Purpose Centre
- Fitness Suite
- Changing Rooms
- Conference Centre
- Meeting Rooms

Outdoor Facilities
Students have access to outdoor playing grounds, which consist of:
- Three GAA Pitches
- Rugby Pitch
- Soccer Pitch
- Multi-Use Training Ground with flood lights
- Jogging Lane (1.8 miles) that surrounds the outdoor pitch facility
- Slí na Sláinte Walking Route on Campus
- Four outdoor Changing rooms

NEW DkIT Sport Facility
DkIT recently purchased and refurbished the former JJB Sports complex, which is only 5 minutes walk from the College.

The facility includes a 20 metre swimming pool with steam rooms and Jacuzzis, indoor football pitches, team specific strength and conditioning area and a state of the art gym.

This facility has made DkIT one of the best equipped colleges for Sport in the country.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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ALL APPLICATIONS TO BE FORWARDED TO:
Student Services Office,
Dundalk Institute of Technology
Dublin Road, Dundalk, Co Louth, Ireland

CLOSING DATE:
12 noon Wednesday 1st MAY 2019