



Elite Sport INITIATIVES

>> developing maximum sporting performance alongside academic excellence >>



Through its elite sport structures and initiatives, DIT is committed to providing talented young sportspeople with a supportive environment within which they can develop maximum sporting performance alongside academic excellence.

>> **Elite Athlete Support Programme** <<

>> **Elite Athlete Entry Scheme** <<



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Some of Ireland's Top Sporting Figures who have been supported or who are currently being supported as elite sportspeople

studying at DIT include:



David Gillick
Athletics, European Champion 400m



Ellen Keane
Irish Paralympic Bronze Medalist 2016



Jordi Murphy
Irish International Rugby Player 2016



Kevin McManamon
Dublin Senior Footballer 2016



Darren O'Neill
Irish Olympian 2012



Denise Gaule
Kilkenny Senior Camogie Player 2016



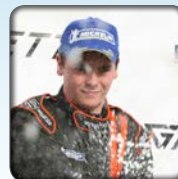
Kieran Bergin
Tipperary Senior Hurler 2016



Aidan O'Shea
Mayo Senior Footballer 2016



Lee Cole
Irish International Hockey Player 2016



Niall Murray
Winner Formula Ford Festival 2016



Kate Lloyd
Ireland International Hockey Player 2016



Dave Kearney
Irish International Rugby Player 2016



Sinéad Goldrick
Dublin Senior Footballer 2016



Our continued success in the future as one of the leading lights in High Performance Student Sport is through a closely-knit partnership with the Sport Ireland Institute to develop and deliver a range of athlete-led support services. We at DIT work hard to ensure that our elite student-athletes realise their full potential and to balance the demands of their academic work with the requirements of top-level sport, as well as making a positive impact on the future of Irish sport

>> Elite Athlete Support Programme <<

The Elite Athlete Support programme is an athlete led development programme whereby financial assistance and a network of support services are tailored to meet the individual needs of high performance sportspeople. The value and benefits of each 'package of support' is assessed on an individual basis and ranks support depending on the athlete's achievements, potential to develop as an athlete and commitment to represent and promote the Dublin Institute of Technology.

Over the years DIT has supported many elite student-athletes across a wide range of sports some 26 in total – from gaelic games, rugby and soccer to athletics, swimming and skiing – as well as a wide range of academic disciplines.

Eligibility

Applications are considered from prospective students who have applied for a course of study at Dublin Institute of Technology. To be considered eligible for a place on the Elite Athlete Support Programme applicants must fulfil the following criteria;

- Satisfy the normal entry requirements of the Institute and have been offered a place on a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate programme at the Institute. Applicants should apply for such programme through the CAO in the normal way.
- Be competing in a sport that is recognised by Sport Ireland.

- Commit to represent the Institute in their chosen sport.
- Be of an outstanding ability in their chosen sport and demonstrate an ability to compete at Interprovincial, National or International level (inter county level for GAA applicants)

Benefits:

Benefits of a place on the elite athlete support programme may include:

- Access to DIT High Performance Training Facilities
- Strength and Conditioning Coaching
- Sports Nutrition
- Fitness Testing
- High Performance Education Talks and Workshops
- Sports Psychology Support
- Academic Mentoring Programme

The offer of a place on the Elite Athlete Support Programme does not include any special reductions in entry criteria or the offer of an academic place at DIT. Talented young sportspeople who wish to be considered for the Elite Athlete Entry Scheme will need to make a separate application.

The closing date for receipt of applications for the 2017/18 Elite Athlete Support Programme is Friday 26th of May 2017.

>> Elite Athlete Entry Scheme <<

The Institute has put in place for all its undergraduate programmes an academic entrance scheme for elite sportspersons. Through this scheme the Institute awards additional CAO points for entry to full-time undergraduate courses and successful applicants will be offered up to a maximum of 10% or 45 additional CAO points for admission to all undergraduate programmes.

A limited number of places will be reserved for outstanding candidates who have achieved a very high level of sporting performance and who have identifiable potential for further improvement.

Successful applicants who commit to represent the Institute in their chosen sport will also be offered access to a range of athlete-led support services such as fitness testing, strength & conditioning and performance development workshops and facilities.

Successful applicants will also be afforded access to DIT high performance training facilities, branded sportswear, physiotherapy and academic mentoring support and may be eligible for financial assistance.

The closing date for receipt of applications for the 2017/18 Elite Athlete Entry Scheme is Monday 1st of May 2017.

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