



Ulster University's Talented Athlete Entry Scheme

**Information and Application Form for
Academic Year 2016-17**

All applications will be considered on merit. Ulster University is committed to promoting equality of opportunity as enshrined in its Equality Scheme. Equality principles permeate all decisions, working practices and relationships.



Performance Sport Development Programme

Scheme Information

Ulster University's Talented Athlete Entry Scheme is designed to assist talented young sports performers in gaining access to a quality education at Ulster University, whilst attaining success at the highest levels within their chosen sport.

The Scheme recognises the dedication, time and effort that are required to participate in sport at the highest level and the impact that this may have on examination performance. Through the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme, Ulster University allows a reduction in the points required for entry to full-time undergraduate courses. **Successful applicants to the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme will be offered a reduction in entrance requirements of 40 UCAS Tariff Points or the equivalent in other accepted entrance qualifications, subject to them giving a full commitment to University sport for the duration of their undergraduate study.**

The Talented Athlete Entry Scheme is part of an overarching Performance Sport Development Programme at Ulster. Successful applicants who commit to represent the University in their chosen sport will be offered access to support services such as fitness testing, strength and conditioning, performance development workshops and facilities. They will also get Scheme merchandise, Sports Union Club membership, physiotherapy support and training course/CPD opportunities.

Scheme Eligibility

To be considered eligible for the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme and to receive the associated Tariff Point reduction, applicants must:

- Participate in a sport recognised by Student Sport Ireland (SSI) and/or British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) through which opportunities exist for students to compete at Intersport level. A list detailing these sports can be found online at ulster.ac.uk/sport
- Have been selected within the last 18 months to compete at age group interprovincial, age group international or minor county level or above in line with the competitive structure of their chosen sport.
- Commit to represent Ulster University in their chosen sport.
- Be entering Ulster to study a full time undergraduate course through the UCAS system.

Conditions of Entry to Ulster via the Scheme

- Applicants must satisfy the general and specific course requirements stipulated for admission (see online prospectus for details) and obtain an offer for the course(s) of their choice.
- Applicants to BSc Hons Dietetics, BSc Hons Occupational Therapy, BSc Hons Physiotherapy, BSc Hons Podiatry, BSc Hons Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging, BSc Hons Radiotherapy and Oncology and BSc Hons Speech & Language Therapy must have a satisfactory performance in the Health Professions Admission Test. More information on the HPAT can be found at: hpat-ulster.acer.edu.au. Having a successful application to the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme will have no bearing on this basic course entry requirement.

Conditions of the Scheme

- Successful applicants to the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme must have exemplary class attendance and maintain satisfactory academic and sporting progress to retain access to the allocated support services.
- It is expected that students entering Ulster through the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme will commit to play a full part in sport at the University and represent the University in Intersarsity competitions and championships, compatible with their training, competition and academic programmes. This includes midweek and weekend sporting fixtures where relevant.
- Scheme participants are required to display the highest standards of sporting behaviour at all times as expected in sport generally and by Ulster University.
- The offer of reduced Tariff Point entry through the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme is valid only for the year in which it is made and cannot be deferred. A re-application may be made but it is not guaranteed to be successful on the basis of a previous application.

Supervision and Progress

The Sports Development Officer will be responsible for the coordination of the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme and liaison with participants in conjunction with other appropriate personnel regarding their support, training and sporting progress as part of the Performance Sport Development Programme at Ulster.

Access to the identified performance support services will be granted on successful entry to Ulster through the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme but recipients will be monitored throughout the year in relation to:

- Academic progress
- Participation and results in all their University Team's competitions
- Participation and results in own club/open competitions and championships
- Selection for representative teams
- Commitment, attitude and conduct
- Contribution to the Performance Sport Development Programme at Ulster.

Those failing to adhere to the conditions of the Scheme may have access to support services withdrawn.

General Information for Applicants

- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their application form is submitted in paper form by the closing date of **15 January 2016** to the address given. If the incorrect amount of postage is used on a large envelope it may not be delivered.
- The Assessment Panel will not consider applications received after the closing date of 15 January 2016. An appeal against this decision may be submitted to the Head of Sports Services who may refer it to the Appeals Panel, should he decide there is a substantive case for an appeal against the application of the closing date.
- The Application Form plays a vital role in the assessment process of the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme. It is therefore of paramount importance that it is completed as fully and clearly as possible. If the application form is deemed by the Assessment Panel to be illegible or incomplete it may not be considered.
- Information sought from governing bodies of sport may be used as part of the assessment process. Applicants should ensure they provide details for an appropriate individual where requested in the application form.
- Applicants will be notified in writing whether or not their application has been successful. Unsuccessful applicants will have the opportunity to make a formal appeal in writing in accordance with appeal procedures that will be made available to them at the time of this notification. Successful applicants will be offered a conditional award of Talented Athlete Entry Status.
- Full commitment to represent the University (at midweek and weekend sporting fixtures where relevant) will be required prior to the Tariff Point reduction being applied. Successful applicants will be invited to attend an information evening and to sign a commitment form. Failure to do so will result in the withdrawal of the Talented Athlete Entry offer.
- If you have any questions or require any further information in relation to the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme please contact the Scheme Administrator by email on schemeadministrator@ulster.ac.uk



Talented Athlete Entry Scheme

Application Form

Please complete all sections in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Personal Details

Surname: Forename:

Sex (M/F): Date of Birth:

Nationality: Sport:

Home Address:

..... Post Code:

Home Tel: Mobile Tel:

Email:

School:

UCAS Number:

NB: If UCAS number is not available at the time of submission it **MUST** be forwarded to the Scheme Administrator at the address provided or via email to schemeadministrator@ulster.ac.uk as soon as it is received.

Details of Ulster University Courses Applied For

Please refer to the online Prospectus (available at ulster.ac.uk) to ensure details are accurate. Please see example filled in below and complete similarly for the course(s) of your choice. Complete course titles/codes in full. DO NOT include courses you are applying for at other Universities.

UCAS Code	Campus	Faculty	Course Title
e.g. N505	Jordanstown	Ulster University Business School	Marketing

Have you applied for Talented Athlete Entry status in the past? Yes No

If yes, please state when:

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Sporting Details

Home Club:

Name of Governing Body:

Contact within Governing Body (who may be contacted in relation to this application):

Name: Position:

Contact No: Email:

Name of Your Main Coach:

Playing/Performance Level

Please tick the appropriate boxes to show the level(s) at which you have performed in your sport.

Level	Tick
Olympic/Paralympic Games	
World/European Championships	
Commonwealth Games/Championships	
Senior International (NI/IRE/GB)	
Senior Inter Provincial	
Age Group International (NI/IRE/GB)	
Age Group Inter Provincial	
Senior County	
Age Group County	

Personal best performance (e.g. time/distance/handicap if appropriate)

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Declaration

I certify that the information that I have stated on this application form is correct. I understand that the University, at its discretion, will withdraw any offer of a place made under the conditions of the Talented Athlete Entry Scheme (and prior to my registration on a course of study), where information so stated is subsequently found to be incorrect or misleading. In addition, where information is found to be incorrect or misleading after I have registered on a course of study and where I would not otherwise have been eligible for entry to that course, I understand that the University may consider discontinuing my studies.

I confirm that I;

Participate in a sport recognised by Student Sport Ireland (SSI) and / or British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) as listed.

Within the last 18 months have been selected to compete at age group interprovincial, age group international or minor county level or above as possible within the competitive structure of my chosen sport.

Agree to represent Ulster University in my chosen sport in midweek and weekend sporting fixtures where relevant.

Am applying to enter Ulster to study a full time undergraduate course through the UCAS system.

Signature: Date:

Completed application forms should be returned by **15 January 2016** to:

Talented Athlete Entry Scheme Administrator
Room 11D08
Ulster University
Shore Road
Newtownabbey
Co. Antrim
BT37 0QB

N.B. Postal Applications Only.

Thank you.