

GRIFFITH SPORTS COLLEGE

Elite Athlete Program 2025



Harris Andrews
Bachelor of Education
AFL
Co-Captain Brisbane Lions 2024 Premiers

Make it matter

We're proud to be the top elite athlete friendly university in Australia

The expert support provided by Griffith Sports College is one of the many reasons that Griffith is a leading sports university. With the highest number of student athletes in the country, Griffith Sports College helps athletes balance the high demands of elite sport and university life. First established in 2004, Griffith Sports College has supported thousands of athletes, including more than 500 in 2024 alone.



RANKED #1
AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY
FOR ELITE ATHLETES



500+
ATHLETES



40+
SPORTS



MADISON DE ROZARIO

Bachelor of Business graduate
Athletics

► **Paris 2024 Paralympian (Silver, Bronze)**
2020 Paralympian (2 Gold, Bronze)
2016 Paralympian (2 Silver)
2008 Paralympian (Silver)

“Being a part of Griffith Sports College has truly had such an impact on my ability to balance study and my sporting career. I’ve been overwhelmed by the support and flexibility the Sports College has been able to provide.”

Griffith University was the leading university for athlete numbers at both the Paris 2024 Olympics and Paralympics (UniSport Australia). Griffith also led the way at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics, Rio 2016 Olympics, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, where Griffith had the most athletes from any Australian university competing.

2024 Paris Olympics

21	current students
15	alumni
3	Griffith Swimming Squad members
1	Griffith Swimming Squad coach

7.8% of athletes in the Australian Olympic team were from Griffith

34% of Australia's overall medal tally were contributed by Griffith athletes



10 Gold, **8** Silver and **6** Bronze

2024 Paris Paralympics

7	current students
5	alumni

7.5% of athletes in the Australian Paralympic team were from Griffith

17.5% of Australia's overall medal tally were contributed by Griffith athletes



2 Gold, **3** Silver and **7** Bronze

Distinguished Griffith students and alumni

112 Olympians	24 Paralympians	97 Commonwealth Games athletes
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JACKSON COLLINS

Bachelor of Business
Canoe

► **Paris 2024 Olympian (Silver)**

"For me to be fully focused on my sport I need the reassurance that my life after sport isn't suffering because of it. This wouldn't be possible without Griffith University and the Sports College. I've had countless assessment dates moved due to training and competition schedules, additional tutors and the availability of complete online learning. I wouldn't be an Olympic silver medalist without Griffith Sports College."

Elite athlete program

Through dedicated assistance from the Griffith Sports College, more than 500 student athletes were able to successfully balance the high demands of elite sport and university life in 2024.



As a part of the Australian Institute of Sport's (AIS) Elite Athlete Education Network, we work one-on-one with students and directly with teaching staff to provide a supportive environment and balance commitments for elite athletes.

IN 2024:



66
ATHLETES GRADUATED
FROM GRIFFITH



74
ATHLETES HELD
SPORTING EXCELLENCE
SCHOLARSHIPS

Benefits*

- Direct admission
- Admission bonus elite athlete adjustment factors available
- Personalised degree advice and course planning
- Timetabling assistance and class flexibility
- Assessment and exam flexibility
- Academic tutoring assistance
- Support with special consideration requests
- Access to additional personal development workshops and opportunities
- Opportunity for cross-institutional study
- Flexibility to study interstate/overseas with online options
- Significantly reduced rates for gym and facility access
- Access and special rates for physiotherapy and sports science services
- Access to graduate employment opportunities
- Personalised strength and conditioning program and training supervision

* Conditions apply



JESS FOX

Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Canoe

► **Paris 2024 Olympian (2 Gold)**

2020 Olympian (Gold, Bronze)

2016 Olympian (Bronze)

2012 Olympian (Silver)

“I believe it’s important for athletes to prepare for transition after competitive sport. Balancing training and study is never easy, but having such a great support network at Griffith through the Sport College has been wonderful. It has allowed me the flexibility and opportunity to adapt my study program so I can focus on my competition and training for those big moments.”

Griffith University are proud to partner with major sporting organisations such as the Gold Coast Titans.



Georgia Brown
Sports scientist and Griffith PhD candidate
with Titans NRLW player.

Sporting facilities

As a student, you will have the chance to use our world-class sporting and fitness facilities. Some of these facilities have been used by Olympic and Paralympic athletes, and international teams from across the globe.



"I've competed in two Olympics while also studying, and through it all, I had the support of Griffith Sports College right by my side. It's been a great way to explore other opportunities—discovering new interests I didn't even know I'd enjoy."

Ellie Beer
Bachelor of Sport Development
Athletics
► **Paris 2024 Olympian**
2020 Olympian

Our facilities include

- 25m pool MG
- 50m pool GC
- Athletics track GC
- Fitness centre GC MG NA
- Indoor sports hall MG
- Multisport complex NA
- Tennis courts GC
- Basketball court GC
- Beach Volleyball court GC
- Sports fields GC L MG NA
- Squash courts NA
- Tennis centre MG

Campuses: GC—Gold Coast, L—Logan,
MG—Mt Gravatt, NA—Nathan



Tennis centre, Mt Gravatt campus



The Gold Coast Aquatic Centre has a 50m heated pool, housing a Swimming Australia high-performance program, and a functional fitness studio and gym.

High-performance swimming program

Swimming Australia and Griffith University have a four year high-performance partnership until 2028. Under this partnership the Griffith Swimming Club, located on the Gold Coast campus, is proud to be a Swimming Australia's high-performance supported hub—the only such program on the Gold Coast.

Under the leadership of world-renowned coach Melanie Marshall OLY and supported by Janelle Pallister OLY, the club runs an elite training program that has produced multiple Olympians. In addition, a development pathway program is offered, coached by Thomas Fraser-Holmes OLY, providing opportunities for emerging swimmers to progress to the highest level.



ZAC STUBBLETY-COOK

Bachelor of Business
Griffith University Swimming Club
► **Paris 2024 Olympian (Silver, Bronze)**
2020 Olympian (Gold, Bronze)

“I believe that a balanced life is an extremely important part of an athlete's life and without the help and guidance of the Sports College I would not be able to be pursuing dreams both in and out of water.”



Griffith University Swimming Club. Associate
Coach Janelle Pallister OLY and
Olympic Gold Medallist Lani Pallister



Partnerships and networks

At Griffith University, we work closely with leading sport institutions, organisations, academies, and professional sporting teams to create university-wide collaborations. These partnerships opens the doors for current students to be involved in internships, graduate programs and research opportunities, along with new avenues of learning.

Griffith's collaborations also focus on high-performance programs, innovation, sports science/sports medicine support, community programs aligning aims and values, as well as sports strategy and research focus areas. The partnerships foster a two-way exchange of opportunities and knowledge.



Griffith Sports College eligibility

If you compete at a state, national or international level in your sport, you might be eligible to join the Griffith Sports College.

Elite athletes* are identified as participating in an AIS and Griffith University recognised sport. We base eligibility on advice from state and national sporting organisations, professional sporting clubs and/or recognised player associations.

*The term elite athlete includes athletes, coaches and officials

To apply

Whether you're currently studying at Griffith, or are looking to attend next year, complete your Griffith Sports College application form.

Visit griffith.edu.au/griffith-sports-college

Sports scholarships

Griffith sports scholarships are offered to elite athletes who have excelled in their chosen sport.

The following scholarships are available to commencing and/or current students:

- **Griffith Sports Excellence Scholarships** | \$28,000 over four years
- **Griffith Sports Development Scholarships** | \$5,000 for one year
- **The Clem Jones Scholarship** | \$9,000 for three years
- **Swimming Australia Scholarships** | \$5,000 for one year
- **Adam Scott Foundation Sports Business Scholarships** | HECS fees for up to three years
- **Ron Clark Scholarship supported by Commonwealth Games Australia (First Nations athlete)** | \$44,000 for up to four years
- **Easts Rugby Union Scholarship** | \$5,000 for one year

griffith.edu.au/scholarships



Naomi McCarthy
Director, Griffith Sports College

Leading from the top

Our leader knows what it's like to perform at the top of their sport.

Gold-medal winning Olympian Naomi McCarthy (water polo) combines her experience as an elite athlete with management expertise to assist our cohort of talented athletes.

As well as being a Griffith alumnus, Naomi understands the demands elite athletes face juggling training, competition and study and can provide mentoring and direct athlete support.



CURTIS MCGRATH

Bachelor of Aviation Management
Para-canoe

► **Paris 2024 Paralympian (Gold)**

2020 Paralympian (2 Gold)

2016 Paralympian (Gold)

"Taking time to recover and rehabilitate from training is essential in sports. Thanks to the flexibility at Griffith Sports College, we can easily listen to lectures on our laptops during this downtime. It's crucial to make the most of this time by focusing on personal and professional development, helping us smoothly transition out of sports when the time comes."



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