Dublin City University
Elite Sportspersons Entry Scheme
Undergraduate Entry: September 2015

Dublin City University has put in place an entrance scheme for elite sportspersons for its undergraduate degree courses. A number of places will be reserved for outstanding candidates who have achieved a very high level of sporting performance, and who are committed to continuing to develop their sporting and academic careers. This is a major new initiative for DCU. It builds on the special entrance scheme in place in a limited way over the past few years in the BSc (Hon) in Sport Science and Health and the BSc (Hon) in Athletic Therapy and Training.

Please note: This is not a Sports Scholarship application. A separate application for Sports Scholarship must be made to Yvonne O’Connor, Sport and Recreation Officer. Application forms are available from http://www.dcu.ie/studentsport/scholarships.shtml

Sport Standard
Due to varying national standards for each sport, only applicants who have reached the following minimum requirements will be considered:
• Gaelic Games – played/coached at county level
• Soccer or Rugby – played/coached at inter-provincial level
• Other games/sports – played/coached at International level

Application Procedure
Candidates should note the following:
• Applicants are required to apply for the DCU undergraduate degree(s) of their choice through the Central Applications Office (CAO) by 1st February or by the late closing date of 1st May.
• In addition applicants must ALSO complete and send to DCU the “DCU Supplementary Application Form for Elite Sportspersons” which should be accompanied by:
  o A brief 1 page typed document outlining your sporting achievements to date.
  o 500 word typed Personal Statement
  o 2 Reference Letters
  o A portfolio submission of sporting achievements (submitted at interview only)

Final Closing Date for receipt of applications is 1st May.

Application Assessment

• Applicants will be assessed based on the application detail provided to the CAO and the detail submitted with the Supplementary Application Form.
• Based on an assessment of these details, applicants may then be short-listed for interview. The interview will be a mandatory part of the assessment process for short-listed candidates. Under this scheme applications are NOT assessed solely on the basis of academic performance (i.e. points attained in school leaving examinations).
• Applicants will be advised in writing if they are being called for an interview by the end of May. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified in writing by the end of June.
• Official notification of an offer of a place will be made through the CAO in mid August.

Minimum Entry Requirements

• Applicants must satisfy the general minimum entry requirements for admission to the university which can be found using the following link: http://www4.dcu.ie/registry/entry.shtml
• In addition applicants must satisfy the specific course requirements for the course(s) to which they are applying.
• Applicants must provide evidence of reaching an extremely high level of sporting achievement.
• Further entry requirement information can be obtained using the following link, http://www.dcu.ie/studentrecruitment/prospectus.shtml, or hard copies of the undergraduate prospectus may be requested by completing the online request form, http://www.dcu.ie/prospective/prospectus_request_form.shtml.
Additional Guidelines

1. Sporting Achievement to Date
   This one page document should include an outline of your sporting achievements during the past 6 years.

2. Personal Statement
   Personal statements should be typed, not exceed 500 words and include the following:
   i. Why did you choose the programme that you are applying for, and which type of career or occupation do you hope to pursue as a result of taking this programme?
   ii. What attributes or characteristics do you feel you have which make you particularly suitable for this career or occupation?
   iii. Have you any work experience in this area? If so, give brief details.
   iv. What attributes or characteristics do you feel you have which make you an outstanding candidate suitable for consideration for entry through the DCU Elite Sportspersons Entry Scheme
   v. List your short-term and long term sporting goals
   vi. Other information deemed relevant to the application.

3. References
   You must include 2 reference letters with your application.

4. Interview
   Selected applicants will be called to interview during the period 23rd to 27th June. Final decisions on successful applicants will be made by the Interview Board.

5. Portfolio
   Applicants are requested to bring their portfolio to interview. Please do not send your portfolio with your application form to DCU.
   Your portfolio should include the following:
   i. Authoritative recommendations from both their National Governing Body and Senior Coach testifying to the applicant’s potential to reach the highest level in his/her sport.
   ii. A list of sporting achievements.
   iii. An account of what the applicant feels they could bring to the course.

Further Information:
To apply through the Central Applications Office:
   Central Applications Office (CAO),
   Tower House, Eglinton Street,
   Galway, Ireland.
   Telephone: +353-(0) 91-509800; Fax: +353-(0) 91-562344
   Web: http://www.cao.ie

For a copy of the Undergraduate Prospectus and/or Supplementary Application Form for Elite Sportspersons:
   Registry,
   Dublin City University
   Dublin 9
   Telephone: +353-(0) 1-7005338; Fax: +353-(0) 1-7005504
   Web: http://www.dcu.ie/
   E-mail: registry@dcu.ie

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(please see http://www.dcu.ie/studentsport/scholarships.shtml for further information on Sports Scholarships)
SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATION FORM FOR ELITE SPORTSPERSONS

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (AS ALREADY PROVIDED TO THE CAO):

NAME AS ON BIRTH CERTIFICATE: ____________________________

PPS NUMBER (If applicable) ____________________________

SURNAME: ____________________________

FIRST NAME(s): ____________________________

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ / _____ / ______

GENDER: Male □ Female □

CITIZENSHIP: ____________________________

COUNTRY OF BIRTH: ____________________________

If you have a Disability / Specific Learning Difficulty, please tick: □

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE: ____________________________

OTHER CONTACT DETAILS:

(Mobile Telephone: ____________________________

Home Telephone: ____________________________

Work Telephone: ____________________________

E-mail Address: ____________________________

APPLICATION INFORMATION (AS ALREADY PROVIDED TO THE CAO)

CAO Application Number: ____________________________

Please indicate your elite sport: ____________________________ (e.g. Tennis)

PLEASE INDICATE THE TITLE(S) OF THE PROGRAMME(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO DCU IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE (You can apply for up to 3 programmes on this application form. This only refers to DCU programmes and not your general CAO list of preferences):

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Interviews will take place from 23rd June to 27th June.

Will you be available to attend: Yes: □ No: □
**SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION**

**Name and Full Postal Address**

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**Dates of Attendance**

from _______ to _______

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**SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS RECORD TO DATE**

(Please ensure that an official certificate of results is included. A certified translation into English must be provided for results from non-English speaking countries):

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- Period Completed to Date:
- Date on which Final Results will be available:

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DETAILS OF OTHER ACADEMIC, PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION:
(if there is insufficient space please use a separate sheet and enclose with application)

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IF APPLICABLE, EMPLOYMENT SINCE LEAVING FULL-TIME EDUCATION:
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It is not a mandatory requirement for an applicant to disclose their disability if they do not wish to do so. Where a student chooses to disclose their disability, on acceptance of a programme place it is advisable to notify the DCU Disability Service to enable them to provide reasonable supports to the student during their time at DCU. No applicant will be disadvantaged as a result of disclosing information pertaining to a Medical Condition/Disability. Intending applicants may contact the disability service on tel: +353 (01) 7005927 or email: disability.service@dcu.ie for further information.
DECLARATION:

I certify that the information given in this application is correct and I hereby undertake, if admitted as a student member of Dublin City University, to observe and comply with all the regulations of the University.

Signature of Applicant: _______________________________

Date: _______ / _______ / _______

Photograph

Data Protection Notice

Personal information that you submit to Registry in connection with any service provision will be treated in accordance with the DCU Data Protection Policy which can be viewed at the following website address: http://www4.dcu.ie/sites/default/files/iss/pdfs/DCU_Data_Protection_Policy.pdf

The University shall only process such information in line with the purpose for which you provide it and to the extent necessary to provide you with the information or service you require. The personal data may be disclosed to staff and agents of the University in order to support services to you. In addition, personal data may be disclosed to government departments, statutory bodies and funding agencies where this is required under legislation or for the provision of services. In order to ensure our records are correct we urge you to answer all relevant questions accurately. If your personal details should change please let us know so that we can update our records.

Return the completed application form, ensuring that you have signed the declaration on this page, together with the necessary supporting documentation by May 1st 2014 to:

Elite Sportspersons Entry Scheme,
Registry, Dublin City University Dublin 9
Telephone: +353-(0)1-700 5338; Fax: +353-(0)1-700 5504;
E-mail: registry@dcu.ie; Web: http://www.dcu.ie/registry/

Thank you for your application.
PLEASE INDICATE WHERE YOU HEARD ABOUT OUR PROGRAMMES:

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**FINAL REMINDER CHECKLIST**

Please ensure you have completed the following:

1. Applied via the CAO system and provided your CAO number
2. Submitted a passport sized photograph
3. Copy of Birth Certificate (do not send the original)
4. 500 word typed Personal Statement
5. Sporting Achievement – 1 page typed
6. 2 reference letters
7. Portfolio prepared for submission at interview and availability for interview indicated.
8. Signed the declaration on page 7

For applicants where English is not the 1\textsuperscript{st} Language:

1. Evidence of competency in the English language
2. Certified translation into English of results/qualifications

*Please ensure that you return the application form and above information to Elite Sportspersons Entry Scheme, Registry, Dublin City University Dublin 9 by 1\textsuperscript{st} May. Forms sent to other DCU addresses or received after the closing date will not be processed.*