

# UNIVERSITY of TASMANIA



## Water Polo Scholarships 2022 & 2023



## SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

- *Elite Player-Coach*: **AU\$7,000** base payment (total, not per year) and *up to \$1,500* per year for coaching fee, free registration and uniform. Applicants should be an undergraduate or postgraduate UTAS student or taking up a postdoctoral position at UTAS or an affiliated institution.
- *Performance Player*: **AU\$2,000** base payment (total) and up to **\$500** per year for coaching fee, free registration and uniform.
- *Club Star*: Up to **AU\$1,000** base payment (total) and up to **\$500** per year for up to three years for coaching fee, free season registration/uniform.
- *Multi-sport Athlete*: For skilled athletes wanting to play water polo as a second sport. Up to **AU\$500** base payment (total) and up to **\$200** per year for season registration and uniform.



## WHY APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP WITH THE UTAS HONEY BADGERS?

Are you currently an undergraduate, postgraduate, or doing a Postdoc at the [University of Tasmania](#) (UTAS) or planning to come here to study, and also a great water polo player and/or coach?

Are you an international student or postdoctoral thinking of moving to Australia to study?

Come to Tasmania to study at the best university in Australia and play and/or coach with Tasmania's biggest and most innovative club: the UTAS Honey Badgers!

Do you play football, soccer, basketball, netball or any other sport, and like swimming? Are you interested in playing water polo as a second sport? Are you a squad swimmer looking for a new challenge?

There are so many reasons to live and study in Tasmania. The University of Tasmania is a fantastic place to study. Tasmania is a great place to live: great surfing, great bushwalking, and a great outdoors sports culture. UTAS has many [clubs and societies](#) offering subsidized access to these activities.

We have one of the liveliest cultural scenes in Australia, spearheaded by the world-class [MONA](#) and its [festivals](#) that make Tasmania one of the most avant-garde places in the world to live.

Most importantly, our high-level scholarships are VERY competitive with some of the best sports scholarships in Australia. We are affiliated with University of Tasmania Sport, which offers exceptional support for athletes.

New performance pathways for water polo players have also opened in Tasmania. This includes recent work with Water Polo South Australia to develop a pathway for Tasmanian athletes into the Australian Water Polo League.





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UTAS student accommodation in the heart of Hobart – only five minutes drive from the main pool

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications are to be in writing and should include a brief background on your water polo or other sports experience and at least two referees. Send to the Chair of the Selection Panel: [brad.arkell@gmail.com](mailto:brad.arkell@gmail.com)

Applicants should contact the Chair on the above email address or +61 488 360 350 for additional information on the selection criteria for the different scholarship categories.



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. If the University of Tasmania Water Polo and Swimming Club (Honey Badgers) decides to offer scholarship to the applicant it will be awarded and paid out in instalments subject to any terms the Honey Badgers sets out in the applicant's letter of offer and associated Agreement, these terms and conditions, and any Scholarship Guidelines currently in effect.
2. The Honey Badgers will make the scheduled payments as detailed in the Agreement to the successful applicant subject to sufficient funding being available to the Program and the Recipient complying with the Agreement.
3. Only the first year of coaching income and club season fee/uniform allowances will be included in the Agreement and subsequent years income/reimbursement will be determined by the Honey Badgers Board.
4. The Honey Badgers reserve the right to provide additional base funding beyond the two-year agreement and for the period of the study/postdoc appointment.
5. While the Honey Badgers is affiliated with UTAS Sport, the club does not have any role in a student's or postdoctoral candidate's application, enrolment or other university processes or decisions of the university, including decisions around support that may be available for students through the Elite Athlete Education Network.
6. The Recipient must:
  - a. promptly notify the Honey Badgers if the Recipient becomes aware that he or she no longer fulfils the Eligibility Criteria (as set out in the Scholarship Guidelines) for receipt of the Scholarship;
  - b. successfully complete the first two years of the nominated course of study for which the Scholarship is awarded (Course of Study) at a pass level or greater;
  - c. only use the Scholarship as a contribution towards costs as agreed to in the Agreement;
  - d. keep records detailing the use and expenditure of the Scholarship and make them available to the Honey Badgers or its authorised representatives on request;
  - e. provide by 31 December at the end of each of the first two years of study, a statement and accompanying evidence in the form required by the Agreement, verifying that the Course of Study has been successfully completed for that year and that the Scholarship has been spent in accordance with the Agreement. This may include production of the Recipient's academic transcript for the Course of Study and evidence of expenditure of the Scholarship.
7. The Recipient:
  - a. declares and warrants, at the date of agreeing to these terms and conditions, that he or she has not at any time been found to have breached any anti-doping rule or policy applicable to the Recipient, and has not engaged at any time in any conduct that constituted a breach of any anti-doping rule or policy applicable to the Recipient;
  - b. agrees to maintain a high standard of personal behaviour expected of an athlete representing the University of Tasmania, the Honey Badgers and any state or Australian Water Polo League team they may participate in; and
  - c. agrees not to do anything to bring the Recipient, the University, the Honey Badgers, or the Recipient's State or National Sporting Organisation into disrepute.
8. Without limitation to any other rights of the Honey Badgers, if the Honey Badgers reasonably believes, at any time following the award of the Scholarship, that:
  - a. the Recipient has provided false or misleading information in the application process;
  - b. the Scholarship has been spent other than in accordance with this Agreement;
  - c. the Recipient has brought themselves, the University, the Honey Badgers, or the Recipient's State or National Sporting Organisation into disrepute; or
  - d. the Recipient will not complete the Course of Study at a pass level or greater, or has otherwise breached any of its obligations under the Agreement and these Terms; then the Honey Badgers may by written notice require the recipient to repay to the Honey Badgers, at the Honey Badgers' absolute discretion, all or part of the Scholarship. The amount notified must be repaid within 30 days of any such notice.
9. The Recipient must, if requested by the Honey Badgers, co-operate with the Honey Badgers in relation to promotional initiatives for the University or the Honey Badgers.
10. The personal details of successful applicants (including name, home state, water polo background and achievements, the value of the Scholarship awarded and a brief description of the purpose for the Scholarship) may be released by the Honey Badgers to the public and the media for the use of promotional purposes.
11. If the Recipient is under 18 years of age, he or she must also obtain agreement of their parent or guardian to these terms and conditions and the Scholarship Guidelines prior to entering a Agreement.
12. The Recipient agrees to indemnify the University of Tasmania, the Honey Badgers and its officers, employees and contractors against any claim, loss or damage arising in connection with undertaking the Course of Study, or a breach of the Agreement. This obligation to indemnify the University and the Honey Badgers will reduce proportionally to the extent that any act or omission involving fault on the part of the of the University or the Honey Badgers, contributed to the claim loss or damage.
13. This Agreement does not create a relationship of employment, or agency between the Recipient and the University or the Honey Badgers.
14. The Selection Panel at its absolute discretion may not award any Scholarships, and may award a Scholarship based on the operational needs of the club at the time.
15. To be eligible international applicants will require an IELTS test score higher than 7.5 on each criterion (reading, writing, speaking, and listening).
16. The Terms and Conditions and Agreement are governed by the laws of Tasmania.