

# International Representation

## Acknowledgement/Support

### Introduction

The *ATU Sports Scholarship Programme* and the *ATU Competitive Sport Guidelines* support students in the development of their sporting career by offering a range of financial and non-financial benefits, while also completing their academic programme of choice.

Additionally, ATU Sport endeavours to acknowledge and support the achievements of our students who compete at an international level, (whether on behalf of ATU or not).

### Application Form:

Those students who are selected to compete at International Level are invited to complete an [International Representation Form](#).

Once completed the relevant Sports Officer below will commence assessment:

- ATU Donegal – [michael.murphy@atu.ie](mailto:michael.murphy@atu.ie)
- ATU Galway – [molly.dunne@atu.ie](mailto:molly.dunne@atu.ie)
- ATU Mayo – [nigel.jennings@atu.ie](mailto:nigel.jennings@atu.ie)
- ATU Sligo – [ross.lappin@atu.ie](mailto:ross.lappin@atu.ie)

### Assessment:

- The application form will be assessed by the relevant campus Sport Office. Specific checks will be made on student competing at International level – e.g. for Ireland at European/World tournaments/championships.
- Both current ATU Sports Scholars (in receipt of an ATU sports scholarship within the current academic year which the application is made) and those who are non-scholars (NOT in receipt of an ATU sports scholarship within the current academic year which the application is made) are eligible for International Representation Acknowledgement/Support.
- Applications will be assessed based on whether they are defined as either:
  - a) Competing internationally for ATU, or
  - b) Competing internationally (Not for ATU)

#### (a) Competing Internationally for ATU

- Assessment should be guided by the *ATU Competitive Sport Guidelines* **ONLY**, by way of support for travel, food, accommodation, and registration/entry fees.
- If the application is deemed eligible, then the student will be provided with relevant supports in accordance with the ATU Competitive Sport Guidelines from.

#### (b) Competing Internationally (Not for ATU)

- If the application is deemed eligible, then the student may be provided with an acknowledgement from ATU Sport.
- A €200 payment via bank transfer as a form of acknowledgement for any individual who have been assessed and deemed successful. Only one payment of €200 can be made to a student in any one academic year.
- The payment should also be accompanied by a “Good Luck/Best Wishes” card with message highlighting good wishes and acknowledgement.
- Any student who has more than one International appearance in one academic year, cannot receive a further/additional payment, but can receive a “Good Luck/Best Wishes” card.

### **Communication/Promotion**

- Students who receive an International Representation Acknowledgement should be presented with their “Good Luck/Best Wishes” card at a time/date that suits ATU Sport Office and student.
- This presentation should include an official photo, which should then be promoted internally and externally via ATU Sport and ATU Marketing. The photo should be accompanied by text highlighting the students upcoming participation, and ATU college course that they are undertaking.
- Internal promotion should also include sending the photo and text to the students’ Academic Head of Department.