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# **UIPM SPORTS ATHLETES OFFERED SCHOLARSHIPS TO ENROL IN WORLD ACADEMY OF SPORTS**



- Eleven students to be subsidised on Postgraduate course
- Thousands of youths can attain Athlete Certificate
- President Dr Schormann hails 'wonderful opportunity' to study online

Pentathletes from all member federations of UIPM have been invited to apply for scholarships with the World Academy of Sports (WAoS).

Opportunities have been offered to thousands of athletes to gain an online qualification with the global sports institution after a memorandum of understanding signed between WAoS and UIPM.

The news follows the selection of Sondos Aboubakr (EGY) for a scholarship to enrol on the Master of Sport Administration course at the Russian International Olympic University in Sochi (RUS).

The WAoS scholarships fit into two categories: Online Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) and Online Athlete Certificate.

### **PGCert**

The Online Postgraduate Certificate (PGCert) will be developed and delivered by the University of London (GBR) and can be completed at the student's own pace in up to five years.

One 100% scholarship worth £3,500 (€3,800) is available for the PGCert, with another 10 athletes set to benefit from a 50% subsidy worth £1,750 (€1,900) through the agreement between WAoS and UIPM.

National Federations have been advised that athletes who wish to apply to the PGCert must have an existing undergraduate degree or at least five' years relevant work experience and professional references. They must also have an English language level of 6.5, with 6.0 in the written test, in the IELTS system or an equivalent proficiency certification.

The deadline for applications to the PGCert is November 8, 2020 and the opportunity applies to the January 2021 intake.

### **Athlete Certificate**

The WAoS Athlete Certificate is designed for youth athletes aged between 15 and 18 and takes five hours to complete.

Up to 100 places are available to each National Federation that takes up the opportunity, and the deadline for applications is December 13, 2020.

The provision of such educational scholarships is part of UIPM's commitment to the athletes through the Athletes Centered Programme (ACP). WAoS offers a fully online educational pathway from high school to Postgraduate education.

UIPM President Dr Klaus Schormann said: "On behalf of the UIPM Executive Board I am delighted that we are in a position to offer educational opportunities to so many athletes through the MOU signed with the World Academy of Sports.

"Our sport is closely linked to the academic world and focused strongly on education. Many pentathletes have achieved high success in their careers based on qualifications obtained alongside their sporting commitments and their intellectual capacity.

"I strongly encourage all eligible athletes to apply for this wonderful opportunity."

All applications to the WAoS scholarship scheme must be submitted by a UIPM National Federation (NF). Interested NFs which should send a note of interest to [operations@pentathlon.org](mailto:operations@pentathlon.org)

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