

Project Goal

The primary objective of the scholarship programme is to identify and provide support, resources and expertise to athletes from emerging/developing National Federations to compete at World Cup, World Championship and Olympic level.

The primary objectives are:

- To increase the number of NF's and athletes coming from emerging/developing NF's competing at Continental Championships and ITU World Championships at a junior, U23 and Elite level.
- To increase the number of female athletes from emerging/developing NF's represented at Continental Championships and ITU World Championships at a junior, U23 and Elite level.
- To increase the number of coaches from emerging/developing NF's with the knowledge and ability to develop athletes from grassroots to an elite level.

Project Outline

Coaches selected for the scholarship programme will be carefully 'placed' in a programme commensurate with their specific needs in the interest of their progressive development to an elite level. Placements will vary in duration and form depending on the specific outline of the programme developed by the NF in conjunction with the ITU Sport Development Director deemed to be conducive to the coach's development needs.

Target Group

Coaches who are to be considered for the scholarship programme will need to carry the support of their NF and also be currently working with national level athletes from their respective countries.

Qualification Criteria

Coaches will need to be currently working with athletes from the NF and hold a responsible role within the athlete development pipeline plan of the NF.

Time Line

Applications will be sent out each year to the National Federations in the last week of January and the applications should be submitted to the ITU Sport Development (libby@triathlon.org) no later than March 01, 2011. Successful applicants will be informed in the last week of March after which time the ITU Sport Development Director and appointed officers will coordinate the plans with the successful athletes and the NF.

PLEASE NOTE: All applications MUST be submitted by the National Federations.

Budget

Successful applicants (athlete and coaches) will receive the following:

- Placement within a High Performance Programme as determined in conjunction with the ITU Coaches Commission; ITU Sport Development Staff; the athlete and the NF delegate designated to sport Development.
- An invitation to a camp held under the auspices of the ITU or another camp opportunity as determined by ITU and the respective NF.
- The amount of funding allocated to each athlete or coach will depend on the matching funds obtained by the NF from IOC Solidarity grants and to the programme outline submitted by the NF for each candidate.

Evaluation and Requirements of Recipients

The coaches selected will be tracked by duration of the placement and beyond and monthly reports will be required from the candidates and the mentor coaches.

Coaches who receive the ITU Scholarship will be required to present at least two (2) coaching clinics for a relevant target group of athletes/coaches in their respective region in accordance with the long term plan of their National Federation.

All recipients must make themselves available (within reason and without interfering with the athletes training, racing and school commitments) for interviews and photo sessions to promote the programme in their own country and internationally.

PLEASE NOTE: CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: TUESDAY MARCH 1st, 2011.