



Team Ireland 2022-2024 Paris Scholarships

Through the support of International Olympic Committee (IOC) Olympic Solidarity (OS) funding, the Olympic Federation of Ireland (OFI) will support athletes on their journey to prepare and qualify for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The OFI is now inviting applications for Paris 2024 Olympic OS Scholarships. To qualify, candidates must demonstrate realistic prospects of qualification to the Games of Paris 2024 and must show that OS funding will have a tangible impact on performance.

Successful applicants will benefit from at least **€500** per month for a total of 30 months (January 2021 – June 2024) / the total award for the period being **€15,000**. With the support of their National Federation, athletes can request up to 30% of this total award at any time during the period for particular events or agreed areas of expenditure.

Sports are invited to nominate up to two athletes for consideration by the Olympic Federation of Ireland. The total number of scholarships available, as per previous cycles will be between 8-12. For the Tokyo cycle the OFI was awarded 8 IOC scholarships whilst the OFI funded 4 additional athletes. Out of the 12 Tokyo scholarships awarded, 10 athletes qualified successfully for the Tokyo Olympic Games.

Scholarship Considerations

- Athletes must be currently competing at international level in an individual sport included on the Paris 2024 programme of events.
- The athlete must have recent results or have displayed significant recent progression to suggest the ability to qualify for Paris 2024.
- Priority will be given to athletes who are not in receipt of significant direct athlete funding from their NGB or Sport Ireland
- Athletes who have been convicted of a doping offence or sanctioned for actions contrary to the standards of sporting ethics as established by the Olympic Charter, the IOC, NOCs or training centres may not be put forward as scholarship candidates.
- The OFI final selections will aim to achieve gender balance across multiple sports. However, upon merit, 1 male and 1 female from the same sport can be awarded a scholarship.



Areas of expenditure

Budget distribution and areas of expenditure must be agreed upon in advance with the athletes Performance Director and the OFI.

Athletes may use the funding for items such as:

- Coaching fees
- Specific Equipment
- Access to appropriate training facilities
- Medical and Sports Science assistance
- Accident and illness insurance
- Travel, Board and lodging costs
- Daily subsistence and fixed costs
- Competition and training camp costs

Athletes can request up to 30% of the total award at any time during the period for particular events or agreed areas of expenditure.

Receipts above 300euros for all funding must be held by the individuals in the event of audit purposes.

Additional Notes

- Athlete will be required to update the OFI quarterly throughout the period.
- In November 2023 athlete and performance director will be required to review the current status of Olympic qualification
- OFI and IOC Olympic Solidarity reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship in the event of Olympic qualification periods closing or a recognised inability to achieve Paris qualification
- OFI and IOC Olympic Solidarity reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship in the event of unethical behaviour or breach of the athlete/NF/NOC agreement or Olympic Charter
- Funds will be paid directly to the athlete's nominated bank account
- Athlete will endeavour to make him/herself available for the scholarship announcement
- Athlete will make him/herself available for up to 2 days during the scholarship period for agreed Team Ireland activations
- Athlete will have access to Team Ireland media training across the time period



Selection Committee

The Olympic Federation of Ireland will establish a Paris 2024 OS scholarship selection committee to consider and approve candidates for nomination. Once selected, these names will be submitted to the IOC for the final decision in partnership with the relevant International Federation.

Relevant athletes, their coaches or Performance Directors may be asked to attend an interview process as part of the nomination and selection process.

Please find attached the application form for submission to the OFI:

Email - admin@olympicsport.ie

Deadline date - November 26

The application must be signed off by the Performance Director or equivalent and the National Federation CEO or President.

Selection Criteria

Ability and Potential (40%)

- Current World or European ranking or personal best time/best result in his/her chosen Olympic event
- Likelihood to qualify and succeed at Olympic Games

Current funding (30%)

- Level of Sport Ireland or NF funding
- Access to other funding streams

Training / Performance Impact of OS grant funding (30%)

- Access to a daily performance environment with a structured training programme
- Direct likely impact upon his/her performance

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TIMELINE

This programme will be operational from January 2022 – June 2024:

| TIMELINE | |
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| November | |
| | The OFI will appoint an appropriate sub-committee in advance of receipt of applications. |
| November 26 | |
| | Deadline for National Federations to submit applications to Olympic Federation of Ireland note - the application must be signed off by the Performance Director and the CEO/President of the NF |
| December 3 | |
| | OFI select a short list of applications and send to IOC for approval |
| January 10 | |
| | OFI will be notified of athlete scholarships status by the IOC. The OFI will inform NFs and athletes. Athletes will be required to sign a scholarship agreement prior to receipt of funding |
| January 29 | |
| | Programme becomes operational and scholarships will be activated. |
| July 26 – August 11 2024. | |
| | Games of the XXXIII Olympiad Paris 2024. |