

# FOOTBALL SOUTH


## TALENTED ATHLETE EDUCATION PATHWAY


Scholarships that facilitate tertiary study provide talented football athletes with support for academic endeavour alongside training and competition. Football South have partnered with the University of Otago and the Otago Polytechnic to ensure there are scholarships for talented football players who have academic aspirations. There are around two University of Otago Performance Entrance Scholarships available for football players, and there are five Football South Scholarships available at the Otago Polytechnic.



# ACADEMIC INFORMATION



OTAGO POLYTECHNIC 	
Term	Three years continuous
Number available	Five per year
Type	Academic Scholarship (full-time preferred)
Funding provided	Study fees fully reimbursed upon 70% completion
Eligible students	Domestic students, New Zealand Citizens
Applications close	August 31, 2016
Applicable programmes	All (with full-time programmes preferred)
Academic requirements	Meet the entry requirements for the programme

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO* 	
Term	Three years subject to satisfactory academic performance
Number available	Varies, but approximately two per year
Type	Undergraduate Entrance Performance Scholarship
Funding provided	\$16,000 over three years
Eligible students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a New Zealand citizen or a New Zealand permanent resident, or have completed Year 12 and have completed, or are in the process of completing, Year 13 at a New Zealand school</li> <li>• Be intending to enrol for full-year, full-time, first-year, degree-level study at the University of Otago for the first time in the year following the closing date</li> <li>• Have at least NCEA Level 2 with a merit commendation or equivalent</li> </ul>
Applications close	August 15, 2016
Applicable programmes	First year, degree level, full-time programmes
Academic requirements	Meet the entry requirements for the programme

\* Check [otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships](http://otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships) for the specific regulations

# FOOTBALL SOUTH POTENTIAL CANDIDATES

The intention of Football South's involvement in these scholarships is to increase the volume of high performing players in the region by retaining existing talent and attracting talent from elsewhere in New Zealand.

## Applicants must:

- be able to demonstrate a high level of football calibre
- have applied, or be in the process of applying, to study at one of the partner education institutes
- for those applying for the University of Otago Performance Entrance Scholarship, applicants must have achieved Level 2 endorsed with Merit, or better, or equivalent to be eligible to apply.
- play for the Southern United National League team (Senior, Youth, Women, Futsal) for the duration of their study
- play winter football for a club in the region. For the University of Otago Performance Entrance Scholarship, the recipients must favour playing for the University Football Club
- be located, or be willing to locate, to the Dunedin campus for the duration of the study
- be willing to conduct occasional volunteer development projects in the community, such as coaching at schools, holiday programmes and outreach programmes

## Please also note that:

- priority will be given to players involved in national teams, the New Zealand National League, National Talent Centres or Federation Talent Centres
- high performing coaches and referees seeking to continue their development during study are also welcome to apply



# FOOTBALL SOUTH SUPPORT PROVIDED

- Successful applicants will be assigned a mentor from the Football South staff or Board
- Up to \$500 of sporting apparel will be provided per year through our Federation supplier
- Extra training, coaching and football mentoring
- Assistance securing a player sponsor
- Reimbursement of coaching and referee qualifications and support to progress through the pathway
- Potential for paid part-time and casual coaching and referee employment
- Playing fees support
- Access to sport science support



# ABOUT FOOTBALL SOUTH AND EDUCATION IN THE REGION

Football South are the southernmost Federation of Football tasked with implementing the Strategy for Football in New Zealand. Winter football has grown 72% throughout our region over the past five years since the introduction of the award-winning Whole of Football Plan. Football South are the largest Futsal Federation, with over 900 teams and 6000 players involved every year.

Most recently, Football South took on the National League team, Southern United, with the aim of creating an aligned performance ecosystem that helps our footballers reach their potential whilst strengthening football in the region. The creation of the Football South Scholarships is a major step and represents an amazing opportunity for footballers in New Zealand who also have academic aspirations.

The region governed by Football South has many strengths, with education being one of the major assets. Dunedin has become a real hub for learning and education is the largest sector in the city with Otago Polytechnic and the University of Otago playing a pivotal role in this.

Both organisations have great history, an excellent reputation for delivering high quality learner experiences, and are well known for amazing pastoral care and community support. Dunedin's vision is to be "one of the world's great small cities" and boasts an ideal environment and culture to help with both study and play.



## MORE INFORMATION AND HOW TO APPLY

Visit: [www.footballsouth.co.nz](http://www.footballsouth.co.nz) and select 'Scholarships' under the 'Players' tab.

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Applications for the University of Otago Performance Entrance Scholarship will close at midnight 15 August 2016. Go to [www.otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships](http://www.otago.ac.nz/entrance-scholarships)

