FINA SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME
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Objective

As part of the development of the National Federations, contributing on the athletes’ preparation for international competitions is crucial to their progress and to the future of their National teams.

The main goal of the FINA Scholarships Programme is to identify, prepare and qualify a limited number of athletes aspiring to participate in the next FINA World Championships and Olympic Games.

Description

The FINA Scholarships Programme offers the opportunity to obtain financial and technical assistance for one potential elite athlete per Federation/year according to these guidelines:

- National Federations are invited to select and propose one potential elite athlete to benefit from this programme
- The scholarship will support the athletes in their preparation and qualification for the FINA World Championships, with particular focus on those athletes and National Federations with the greatest needs
- The assistance provided by FINA will contribute to improve the athletes’ training conditions in their home countries or will enable the scholarship holders to train abroad in a high-performance FINA Training Centre:

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- FINA will determine the length of the scholarship, once the proposal submitted by the athlete and his/her National Federation has been carefully reviewed.
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The National Federation or the Training Centre will ensure that the following conditions are available for the athlete’s preparation:

- Access to appropriate training facilities
- A specialised coach
- Regular medical and scientific assistance and control
- Necessary accommodation
- A balanced Nutritional plan
- A fixed offset travel to participate in one Event (except in the case explained below)
- Access to technical information concerning the FINA World Championships and Olympic Games

Please note that the items to be covered by the scholarship and the budget distribution must be agreed upon by FINA, the athlete, the National Federation and the selected Training Centre if any.

Athlete Training Options

The FINA Scholarships Programme aims to provide the best training environment to the athletes. For this reason, FINA in coordination with the relevant National Federation will decide if the athletes will train in their home countries or abroad in a high-performance training centre.

Factors to consider will be, among others, the specific needs of the athlete, his/her preferences, any particular need and his/her age.

FINA and the athlete’s National Federation will work together in order to take the best decision for the athlete.

1. NF Training Option

The National Federation will administer the FINA Scholarship and will be responsible of choosing the athlete’s training location.

FINA will carefully assess the budget proposal submitted by the National Federation. The monthly budget will be agreed by FINA and the National Federation and will depend on the cost of training the athlete in his/her chosen training environment.
2. Development Centre Option

FINA will assist the scholarship holders to find a high-level training centre with which FINA has a service agreement.

- **FINA Development Centre:** FINA has agreements with a limited number of specialised high-performance training centres.
  - FINA Development Center in Kazan – [Brochure - Video](#)

The specific training centre will be selected in collaboration with the athlete’s National Federation, based on the athlete’s profile and particular needs.

The training centre will be responsible for the administration of the FINA Scholarship, both technically and financially.

**External Partners**

- National Federations
- Development centres

**National Federations**

FINA Scholarships aim to promote universal representation at the FINA World Championships and Olympic Games. Therefore, National Federations with less participation in international competitions will be put forward.

As it is mentioned above, the main objective of the FINA Scholarships Programme is to focus the support on the athletes and National Federations with the greatest needs.

**Athletes Profile**

FINA Scholarship holders must meet the following requirements in order to benefit from the programme:

- Adequate technical level to be able to qualify for the FINA World Championships. The athlete must proof that he/she has achieved a performance that is sufficient to aim the qualification to participate at the FINA World Championships. FINA will check the ranking and the results obtained at national and international competitions.
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Only the athletes to whom a scholarship will make a significant difference to their training and who do not have access to alternative means of paying for their preparation may be put forward by their National Federation for a FINA Scholarship.

FINA, NFs or training centres may not put forward as scholarship candidates athletes convicted of a doping offence or sanctioned for actions contrary to the standards of FINA Rules, especially those of FINA Ethics and Conducts.

The athlete has to be available to travel and to reside at a centre that is determined to be the most suitable venue for the athlete's programme.

The athlete has no current commitments and is available to join the Training Centre for the agreed duration of the programme.

FINA National Member Federations are kindly requested to study the project description carefully and to consider whether there are athletes in their country who realistically would have the potential and necessary commitment to be included in this programme.

Application Procedure Profile

National Federations have the opportunity to apply for one FINA Scholarship per year:

- National Federations are requested to choose among their athletes and select the athletes who better complies with the above-mentioned criteria
- The Application Form (Annex 1) must be completed and submitted to the FINA Office by the 20th July 2020.
- Only National Federations are entitled to apply for the FINA Scholarships Programme
- At the end of the selection process, National Federations will be informed about the outcome and the necessary future steps.

Analysis and Approval

FINA will carefully assess each application, if needed, in collaboration with the National Federation:

- FINA is responsible for the final approval of the FINA Scholarship and for the athletes’ training option.
- Each party involved in the FINA Scholarships Programme (FINA, the relevant National Federation, the relevant training centre if any and the athlete) will be required to sign a contract. The contract will list the responsibilities of each party and the monthly budget distribution of the scholarship.
Financial Conditions

1. NF Training Option

FINA and the relevant National Federation will agree upon the monthly scholarship budget allocated to his/her athlete.

- FINA will make all the payments relating to this training option directly to the National Federation, which will then administer the scholarship funds regardless of where his/her athlete is training.
- FINA will request the specific details of all costs to be accounted for.

2. Training Centre Option

FINA will negotiate a fixed monthly rate with the training centres with which an agreement is signed.

- FINA will make all payments relating to this training option directly to the athlete’s training centre.
- FINA will reimburse the scholarship holder’s flight ticket to travel to and from the training centre in economy fare.

3. Travel expenses

For those athletes at a FINA Training Centre, FINA will cover the travel arrangements of the scholarship holder at the beginning and at the end of the programme.

FINA will provide up to 1,000 USD travel subsidy only to those athletes who need to travel to another country to participate in one (1) FINA Event.

Follow up and Control

FINA requires the Report Form (Annex 3) to be submitted at the end of each term (every two months) as from the scholarship approval, by either the relevant National Federation or the Training Centre:

- This document allows to monitor the athlete’s progress towards the FINA World Championships qualification
- The form includes a financial statement to be signed by the athlete and by the relevant National Federation confirming the distribution of the scholarship funds as agreed in the contract
Termination of a FINA Scholarship

FINA reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship from any athlete in the following cases:

- Non-qualification for the FINA World Championship or the Olympic Games
- Decrease of technical level
- Medical reason that prevents the athlete from training
- Unethical behaviour such as doping, discipline, etc.
- Breach of the athlete/National Federation’s contract or of the FINA Rules
- Any other reason in mutual agreement with the relevant National Federation or Development Centre.