

Federation of International Sports Chiropractic (FICS) Master's Scholarship/s

“Intellectual excellence is obviously required, but not in isolation from other qualities. ... more than ‘mere bookworms;’ ... qualities of person which, in combination, offer the promise of effective service to the world in the decades ahead.” Cecil John Rhodes

Selection Criteria / Timeline

August/September:

Call for scholarship applications. The FICS administrator will send out a call for interest via social media and to ICSC candidates. Applications will close on **15 September**. Late applications will not be considered.

30 September through 15 November

The selection committee will start the review process and create a short list of candidates who will be invited for an interview. The selection committee will meet to interview candidates and announce the winner. A letter of an offer will be sent to the successful candidate and the University's Director of Admission to start the enrolment process.

January 15th - Scholarship holder announced on FICS social media.

The goal of this scholarship is to provide a FICS member with the opportunity to acquire a Master's degree. The FICS selection committee will meet and review the applications received. These guidelines are meant to support any specific instructions you may receive from a FICS partnering organisation. Finally, given the inherent subjective nature of a scholarship selection process, these guidelines reflect an approach that advocates for a maximum student support and equality of review

The key criteria for this scholarship application are:

- (1) Doctor of Chiropractic
- (2) FICS members in good standing registered with their local National Chiropractic Sports Council. An individual member with FICS is considered if the person comes from a region without an NCSC.
- (3) Level of volunteering at FICS activities or working as a volunteer on a FICS commission.
- (4) Essay explaining why they wish to be considered for the FICS scholarship and how it will benefit them and the sports community.
- (5) Curriculum Vitae/Resume

Two letters of recommendation from any professional in the field in support of the application. **** General Reminder: Members of the committee are prohibited from composing letters of recommendation for any scholarship applicants.**

Scoring Rubric Process

FICS will engage a panel of judges from across the international community to select the winners of this prestigious scholarship. The following rubric outlines the selection process. The judging panel uses this to assist in providing the selection committee with a consistent model with a minimum personal value bias.

Sections are scored based upon criteria outlined in each section. This scale represents the raw points available. The total score for the application is not necessarily revealing the final ranking of the applicant as compared to the scores of other applications.

The purpose of assigning a score is to provide an indicator so that the selection committee may consider circumstances and adjust the final rankings as needed.

The general ranking which FICS has adopted is:

- Inadequate (0-2Points)
- Adequate (3-6 Points)
- Exceptional (7-10 Points)

Submitting your application.

APPLICATION FINALISTS:

When the panel meets to discuss the applications and select the scholarship awardee, the grading scores will be used as the base, however, the scholarship may not necessarily be awarded to the highest scoring candidate.

The committee may consider demographics and geographics factors) when making a final decision.

To apply for the scholarship you must hold an ICSC or expect to be finished at the time of the scholarship starting. You are required to prepare and submit the following in ONE File using the correct file naming.

LAST NAME first name and scholarship name/year.

Example correct file name: BROWN Maree_ICSC Scholarship 2023

1. Undergraduate Academic Transcript.
2. Curriculum Vital (CV)
3. Essay – No word limit ref below.
4. Two Letters of Recommendation

Sports Chiropractic participation – Value 6 points

3 points – Working as a FICS volunteer, ICSC instructor or part of their NCSC as a volunteer
3 Points – Volunteer at games for FICS or NCSC

FICS Administrator will check the candidates' files meets the requirement and is presented as One File. File name LAST NAME first name and scholarship name.

1. Guidelines for Evaluating Transcripts.

This scholarship requires a program GPA of 3.0. Therefore, whilst admin will do an initial check the transcripts will be added to the applications file for the judges to review. This part is not graded however It is important to review the candidate's transcript to deem they are eligible.

1. Trajectory of the GPA. What is the pattern (i.e., increasing, consistent)?
2. Challenging course content.
3. Number of credits taken within the graded period in addition to grades earned.
4. Grades in the major discipline(s).
*Note if there were challenging periods – freshman year, quarter(s) where grades are inconsistent with the overall history of the transcript.

2. Curriculum Vitae (CV) or Resume – Value 5 points

When preparing your CV to submit consider the following.

The CV (or Resume) is an important part of many scholarship applications. The CV can offer additional details about applicants' experience and accomplishments, clarify timelines, and provide contextual information. Typically, the student's application and personal essays are congruent with the activities listed in the CV/Resume.

In that case, significant activities or experiences listed in the CV will also be discussed in the application and/or personal essays. Conversely, activities discussed in the application and essays should typically be listed on the CV.

The following are activities that frequently appear on the CVs of scholarship applicants:

1. Education
2. Volunteer experience or community activities
3. Leadership activities
4. Research experience
5. Work or internship experience, Honors, awards, and special recognition

3. Essay – Value 10 points

Explaining why they wish to be considered for the FICS scholarship and how they intend to benefit from the Master's Degree

Each scholarship program will have its own essay prompts. There are some general characteristics and approaches to reviewing application essays that can be applied broadly, as a starting point, along with the specific desires and values of the particular scholarship you may be reading for.

Typically, a personal statement essay should answer the question posed in the application process; make a connection between the mission of the scholarship (the activity or interest the scholarship seeks to support) and the applicant's academic, career, personal interests and/or goals; successfully articulate how the applicant plans to achieve those interests/goals and how the scholarship/activity will fit into that plan; and demonstrate how the applicant thinks and why they've made the decisions they've made, clarifying and reflecting on relevant past experiences; and the essay should be easy to read, reveal interesting things about the applicant, and help the reader gain an overall understanding of where the applicant is coming from.

- Make a connection between the mission of the scholarship (the activity or interest the scholarship seeks to support) and your academic, career, personal interests and/or goals.
- Articulate how you plan to achieve those interests/goals and how the scholarship/activity will fit into that plan.
- The essay should be easy to read, reveal interesting things about yourself, and help the judges understand where you are coming from.

4. Letters of recommendations – Value 10 points

Members of the FICS Judging committee are prohibited from composing letters of recommendation for any scholarship applicants.

Letters of recommendation could come from any source: faculty, professional community members, supervisors, etc. A letter of recommendation will be scores against the following criteria.

- Observations regarding the applicant and their academic ability.
- Writer's observations and involvement with the applicant.
- Examples of how the applicant has been an active member in their NCSC or community working as a sports chiropractic volunteer.
- Applicants' investment in Sports Chiropractic.
- Applicant's passion for working with athletes and furthering their career in Sports chiropractic.