

What is the La Trobe University Baseball Club Scholarship?

La Trobe University Baseball Club (LTUBC) wishes to support baseball-sporting scholarships for the purpose of attracting a higher standard of student to LTU as baseball players and as potential future leaders of La Trobe University and the wider community. The scholarship concept was triggered by the recent passing of LTUBC life member Karl Leake. Karl was an outstanding student and professional in his chosen field of study (Physics majoring in Electronics). The club has established a memorial fund with which at least one annual scholarship shall be named in honour of Karl.

How much is the scholarship?

Scholarship funding schedule per scholarship				
Component	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
LTUBC Cash	\$2500	\$1500	\$1000	\$5000
LTUBC Uniform	\$250	\$50	\$50	
LTUBC Coaching	\$250	\$250	\$250	
LTUBC Equipment	\$250	\$50	\$50	
Umpiring Coaching Accreditation	\$150	\$150	\$150	
LTU Sports Centre Gold Pass	\$750	\$750	\$750	
LTU IV Participation	\$350	\$250	\$250	
Total	\$4500	\$3000	\$2500	\$10,000

The successful applicant will receive the amount corresponding to their year of study. For example, students receiving the scholarship beginning in their second year will receive year 2 payments.

Who is eligible to apply?

To be eligible to apply, you must:

- be an Australian citizen, New Zealand Citizen, Australian Permanent Resident or Permanent Humanitarian Visa holder;
- be intending to enrol in your first year of your first undergraduate degree in Semester 1 2020 or
- be continuing in your undergraduate degree at La Trobe in 2020
- have a background in participation in baseball through your junior and secondary school years

Please note, successful applicants will be required to maintain affiliation with the La Trobe University Baseball Club (LTUBC) for the duration of the scholarship period.

How are the applications assessed?

The recipient of the scholarship shall be selected by the University on the basis of:

- an application form which addresses the eligibility criteria
- a personal statement outlining:
 - personal goals and ambitions
 - reasons for applying for the scholarship
- evidence of participation in baseball (written letter stating career activity/achievements to date. The letter should also include the contact details of at least two referees with significant baseball experience.)
- consultation and/or interview with a selection panel comprising representatives from La Trobe Scholarships Office and the La Trobe University Baseball Club.

Helpful information

- **Detailed information:** Make sure you provide full details requested in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this application. Otherwise, your application may not be assessed appropriately. All information will be treated with strict confidentiality.

- **Supporting documentation:** Supporting documentation is written verification from someone who is qualified to comment on your circumstances. The person must not be related to you or in a close personal relationship with you.
- **False or misleading information:** La Trobe University reserves the right to withdraw an offer of a bursary and re-assess the application if the University believes the recipient has provided false or misleading information in the application form or subsequently.
- **Late applications:** applications received after the closing date may be accepted by staff **only if accompanied by a signed formal request** outlining **exceptional circumstances outside your control** that have resulted in a late application, e.g. serious illness or other personal crisis. The selection committee will later determine whether a late application will be considered, based on the explanation you provide. (*Note: Reasons relating to employment, placements, holidays or other activities that you choose to engage in are unlikely to be considered "exceptional".*)
- **Assessment process:** the assessment will commence after the application closing date. You will be notified of the outcome via email approximately 4 weeks after the application closing date. To ensure that all candidates are treated with equity, staff are unable to discuss the progress of an individual application.

Where to submit the completed application form

You may submit your completed application form via email.

1Email: scholarships@latrobe.edu.au by no later than **Friday 12 October 2020**.

Confidentiality

All information provided by applicants will be treated as confidential. At La Trobe University, we respect the privacy of your personal information. We collect personal information in your application to determine your eligibility for a scholarship, bursary or grant, and to assess your application as part of the ranking and allocation process. In accordance with privacy laws, personal information about you contained in your application will not be used for any other purpose or disclosed to any person who is not part of the La Trobe assessment and allocation process, without your permission. You may have the right to access personal information we hold about you, subject to any exceptions in relevant laws, by contacting the Scholarships Unit as noted below. The La Trobe University privacy policy can be viewed at www.latrobe.edu.au/privacy/

Section 1: personal details and course intentions

VTAC ID number (if applicable)

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Date of Birth

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Given names

Family name

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Address

Suburb

State

Postcode

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Mobile

Email

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Australian Citizen ☐

New Zealand Citizen ☐

Humanitarian Visa ☐

Permanent Resident ☐

Intended course in 2019

Campus

VTAC course code (if applying through VTAC)

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Section 2: personal statement and supporting documents

2.1 Please provide as a separate attachment, your personal statement (no more than two A4 pages) detailing:

- What has brought you to La Trobe and the course you have chosen to undertake?
- Your future career goals and ambitions on graduating from La Trobe University.
- How you believe this scholarship will benefit you and help you complete your studies.

Your statement must be typed and include your name, signature and the date.

2.2 Please also attach evidence of your baseball participation, including the following information:

- Current Club(s) that you are registered with (Winter and Summer Seasons)
- League/Association
- Seasons played
- Your position
- Competition Level (e.g. State, National, International)
- A date ordered list of your sporting achievements together with copies of any sporting certificates, awards or media articles.

2.3 Please also attach two referee reports from the following:

- A sports coach or equivalent that is able to comment on your participation in baseball.
- Another person or organisation that is able to comment on your standing with the sport.

Section 3: declaration

I (your full name)

Being the applicant for a La Trobe University Baseball Scholarship, do solemnly and sincerely declare that the statements made in this application and in the accompanying documents are true in every particular, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand that if I provide inaccurate information in this application this may result in cancellation of an offer of a scholarship or termination of a scholarship that has been paid and refund to the University of any monies received by me.

I also understand that the scholarship assessment and allocation process is competitive and that not all applicants who meet the eligibility criteria will be awarded a scholarship.

Further, I understand that giving false and misleading information is a serious offence under the criminal code (Commonwealth).

I understand that should I be awarded this scholarship I will be required to:

- supply an annual report to the Donor
- maintain satisfactory academic progress

I understand that should I be awarded this scholarship I may be required to:

- attend joint promotional events or participate in promotional activities in keeping with the spirit of the scholarship as reasonably required by the donor and La Trobe University

I have read and understood the information on page one of this form, including the declaration and agree to these conditions.

Student signature

Date

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Section 4: checklist

	Circle YES or N/A where appropriate									
I have read and understand the eligibility criteria of the La Trobe University Baseball Club Scholarship.	YES									
I have completed all relevant sections of the application form and included copies of all the required documentation.	YES									
I have completed, signed and attached my personal statement (Section 2.1).	YES									
I have attached supporting documents as outlined in Section 2.2 and 2.3.	YES									
Any other supporting documents attached? Please list them here:	YES	N/A								
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