

Recipients

- High-level Athletes (DAN).
- High Performance Athletes.
- Athletes called up to any regional or national team.
- Athletes from the ADO Plan and the ADOP Plan.
- Athletes who have participated in the European University Championships, the World University Championships or the Winter or Summer Universiades.
- Professional Athletes.
- Active coaches of DAN and professional athletes.
- Retired Elite Athletes.

Spanish athletes or athletes of any nationality belonging to one of the abovementioned groups or with equivalent status in their respective countries can participate in the Programme.


Check out the programme's scholarship policy



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Introduction



Given how difficult it is for elite athletes and promising young people to reconcile their sporting and academic activities, known as dual careers, CEU Universities have developed the **CEU Athletes Support** programme, specifically designed to successfully reconcile their sporting and academic careers and to enable student athletes to find employment once they have completed their sporting careers.

It is a program supported by the CEU Foundations and its Universities:

- Universidad CEU San Pablo (Madrid)
- Universidad CEU Cardenal Herrera (Valencia)
- Universitat Abat Oliba CEU (Barcelona)
- Universidad CEU Fernando III (Sevilla)



CEU Universities in the **Times Higher Education (THE)** rankings of 2022: in the **World University Ranking**, which evaluates the quality of university centers, CEU Universities have been ranked 9th in Spain and 2nd by number of citations, ranking among the top 600 universities in the world; in the **Young University Ranking**, for universities of 50 years old or less, they have been awarded the 4th place nationally and the 2nd by number of citations, ranking 136th globally; in the **Impact Ranking** of 2023, in the “Health and Wellness” category, they ranked 1st place among Spanish universities and 88th place globally. The **QS Stars** rating, which accredits quality and competitiveness, rates its Teaching, Employability, Internationalization, and Inclusiveness as Excellent.

Objectives

- To ensure that the academic performance of student athletes is not negatively affected by their sporting activities and that they can achieve sporting and academic excellence.
- To support student athletes financially, continuing the social work of the CEU, the private educational institution that grants the most scholarships in Spain, with 13 million euros allocated to study grants in the 2023-2024 academic year.

- To prepare student athletes on an academic and personal level for their integration into the world of work and to accompany them until they get their first job, thus helping them to successfully complete their sporting careers.

The Programme complements the measures established in the current legislation on sport and university matters, offering elite sportsmen and women and promising young athletes a comprehensive and unique training alternative.

Characteristics

- The most complete educational offer in Spain, with more than 150 degrees, divided into bachelor's degrees, double degrees and bilingual degrees, more than 120 master's degrees and 7 doctoral programs.
- Personalised academic itinerary for each student athlete, with the introduction of the appropriate adaptations in each course. This is an itinerary designed between the student, the academic director and the University Guidance Service. The design of the itinerary takes into account the preferences and qualities of the student, his or her stage of life and sport, as well as the sport he or she practises.
- Each sports student is assigned an Academic Tutor, a Sports Tutor and a Mentor. The Mentor is assigned in 3rd and 4th year and is a professional related to the degree the athlete is studying.
- Provision of programmes to facilitate immersion in university life and the relationship between classmates.
- Training courses on the specific methodology of distance learning and the necessary skills to carry out autonomous learning.
- On-site training, with the possibility of online reinforcement to guarantee the continuity of university studies.

- Provision of two adaptive internship periods during the academic year for those internships that require on-site attendance.
- Support from the University Guidance Service, specialised in working with student athletes on academic issues, university life and the end of their sporting career.
- Provision of a sports coaching service and the figure of the functional coach.
- Accompaniment of the student athlete by the Careers service until he/she gets his/her first job.
- Access to the health services of any of the CEU Clinics under special conditions: Medicine, Physiotherapy, Dentistry and Nutrition.
- Free use of sports facilities for training sessions.
- Awards for student athletes from each CEU University who achieve sporting and academic excellence.
- Recognition of the activities carried out by student athletes in their European Diploma Supplement and certification of their competences in the form of digital microcredentials.