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Please note that this is not a grant opportunity, rather a program that provides career and personal development opportunities to retired women athletes.

The **AIS Athlete Accelerate Program (closing 10/2, 9am AEST)** provides a unique experience for retired women athletes who are pursuing career options in the sport sector. The program has a career and personal development focus and provides opportunities to acquire knowledge, skills and tools to navigate a professional career in sport.

To be eligible, female applicants must be:

- 18 years or over;
- An Australian citizen or have been granted permanent residence status;
- A retired, former podium level (ready, potential or podium) categorised athlete and/or a national team representative of a recognised funded sport; and
- Available for all program dates (online or in person depending on the session) between Feb and June 2025 (all program dates are listed in the guidelines).

Surf Life Saving is a recognised funded sport; women who were a national team representative of Surf Life Saving and are pursuing a career in the sport sector may be considered.

Key Points:

- Applicants should have their CV ready before commencing the application.
- Participants need to, where possible, identify a sponsor currently employed within the sports sector to support the application. A sponsor is someone in a senior leadership role who can influence and advocate on behalf of the applicant.
- Where a session is an in person residential experience, all travel costs will be covered for the successful applicant.

Applications **close 10/02/25** with applicants expected to be notified of their outcome by 17/02/25.



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The application and guidelines can be accessed from the below website. We encourage you to read these before applying:

<https://www.ais.gov.au/career-and-education/ais-athlete-accelerate-program>.

- Please note as this is an individual application, applicants or their personal representative need to/are required to personally complete the form. For specific enquiries regarding this program, please contact accelerateprogram@ausport.gov.au – applications can be made here: [Athlete Accelerate Program | Australian Institute of Sport](#)

Kind Regards,

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