

Title:	AIS Athlete Accelerate Program (Closing 9am AEDT) 10 February 2025
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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 <u>unique experience for retired</u> <u>women athletes who are pursuing career options in the sport sector</u>. 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).

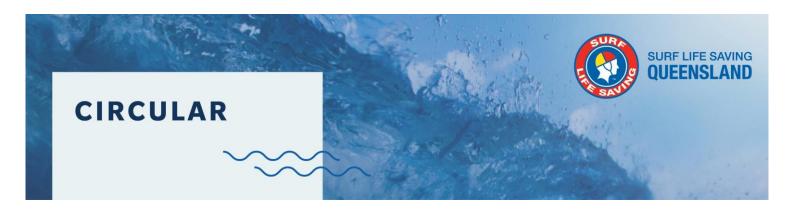
Surf Life Saving is a recognised funded sport; women who were a national team representative of Surf Life Saving and are pursuing a career in the sport sector may be considered.

## **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 <a href="mailto:accelerateprogram@ausport.gov.au">accelerateprogram@ausport.gov.au</a> – applications can be made here: <a href="mailto:Athlete Accelerate">Athlete Accelerate</a> Program | Australian Institute of Sport

Kind Regards, **Dave Whimpey Chief Executive Officer** Surf Life Saving Queensland