



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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# **Call for applications for Team PNG Scholarships through IBSUniversity**

The PNG Olympic Committee (PNGOC) and IBSUniversity (IBSU) are proud to announce the renewal of the IBSU Athlete Scholarships, under the Athlete Excellence for Life program. With the vision to develop the capability of elite athletes for life after sport, the scholarship will once again see athletes undergo various courses at the IBS through this scholarship.

The PNGOC is now calling for applications from interested Team PNG athletes for educational scholarship opportunities in collaboration with the IBS University in Port Moresby.

Applications are available for certificate, diploma and bachelor courses and is now open and will close on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2023.

Whilst calling for Team PNG athletes to take advantage of this opportunity to take up studies at the university, the PNGOC President Sir John Dawanincura also acknowledged the IBSUniversity for the renewal of its continued sponsorship to the PNGOC, through an array of educational scholarships for Team PNG athletes since 2016.

Sir John acknowledged the continued support from founder Sir Mick Nades and the management of the IBSUniversity for continuing to support our Team PNG athletes with this education opportunity.

"We are very happy and thank IBSU as there are not many opportunities available in the country for our athletes to train as well as have the opportunity to study at the same time", Sir John said.

He further stated that that education was an important foundation in personal development and IBSU offers high-quality education which we are grateful for, as the education qualifications attain will greatly benefit the athletes with settling in life after active sports and national representative duties.

Since the inception of the program, over 50 athletes from across 20 affiliated sporting codes that make up Team PNG contingents to international multi-sports events have greatly benefitted with furthering their education from scholarships, and securing jobs following their graduation.

For further information regarding the IBSU Scholarship, please email [teampng@pngoc.org.pg](mailto:teampng@pngoc.org.pg)

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## About the Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee

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The Papua New Guinea Olympic Committee (PNGOC) is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation committed to inspire and unite Papua New Guinea through sporting excellence and success. The PNGOC is a believer of sport as an enabler for sustainable and inclusive development. It is our responsibility to select, send and fund Team PNG to the Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and Pacific Games. This is achieved by working with our member national sports federations and with the support of our sponsors and partners, through fundraising events and with the backing of the Government. To find out more visit our website [www.pngolympic.org.pg](http://www.pngolympic.org.pg)

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