

## She's Got Game - Women's Varsity Scholarships

Varsity sport is a transformative experience for our student athletes; they obtain skills that they will carry with them through their entire lives. Our female athletes are leaders, more confident, and strong communicators because of their varsity experience. Varsity athletics develops women to be independent, to understand of the value of teamwork and, most importantly, the definition of hard work. Through their varsity experience, they are able to pursue goals, celebrate wins and face losses, thereby developing personal resiliency. Scholarship support plays a vital role in allowing these young women to excel as students, community leaders and athletes as they balance the substantial demands of being a student athlete.

### Impact Statement:

The University of Guelph is committed to being the first university in Canada to consistently offer an equal distribution of athletic scholarship support. We are committed to building the best women's athletics program in Canadian history. A program that is developing world class athletes, world class scholars and world class citizens. We will help instill qualities that enable women to believe in themselves and who will inspire future generations to push their personal boundaries. They will be role models for our thousands of elementary and high school Junior Gryphons and after graduating will spread across this great country providing leadership in their communities.

Over the past ten years, we have revitalized our campus providing some of the top athletics facilities in the country. Our athlete support programming is unmatched in Canada with new programming offered to enhance our student athlete leadership skills, and a first of its kind program focused on the mental health of our student athletes. We now need to build on this momentum and bring Canada's best athletes to the University of Guelph to wear the Gryphon colours.



### Goals:

The Department of Athletics is looking to raise \$2.5 million to allow the University of Guelph to recruit and retain top female student-athletes in the country. Scholarships will support incredible young women allowing them to focus on their academics, community involvement and athletic goals.

Increased donor support of female athletic scholarships will help eliminate the discrepancy in donor-supported scholarships within athletics. Currently for every dollar we receive for female scholarships we receive three dollars supporting male scholarships. We will continue to raise funds for male athletes, and focus on substantially increasing our female support to create parity.

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