

TARGET LA

PROGRAMME



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INTRODUCTION

Sydney University Athletic Club (SUAC) has a long-standing tradition of supporting some of the best athletes the nation and the world has ever seen through its Target Tokyo and Target Paris programs.

The Target Tokyo and Target Paris initiatives were conceived to help SUAC athletes achieve their Olympic dreams by providing financial assistance to train and compete overseas.

Learn more about past implementations by clicking [Target Tokyo and Target Paris](#).

2025 will mark the launch of Target LA.

PURPOSE

A key strategic goal of Sydney University Athletic Club (SUAC) is to provide a world-class approach to identify and develop emerging athletes.

Target LA aims to identify and support the development of SUAC athletes with the potential to progress into successful senior/open athletes on the international stage.

Athletes involved with Target LA will contribute to **SUAC's strategy** to deliver the clubs goals and visions.

The objectives of the pathway are:

- To work with emerging athletes and their personal coaches to help them to progress and develop in order to achieve success on the senior/open international stage.
- To provide performance support to complement their existing training and support services set-up
- To work with athlete's existing support networks to ensure a holistic approach to their development
- To increase the number of SUAC athletes competing on an Olympic and Paralympic stage.

The needs of the athlete at this stage of development are broader, requiring technical and sports science support, coaching and coach support, personal support, medical and physio support, third level transitioning support, as well as career advice and professional development.

STRUCTURE

Target LA will select and invest in athletes to provide more "excellent opportunities" and to "create a progressive, inclusive culture within the club" and will support athletes who can deliver on SUAC performance goals and meet with the individual selection criteria set out.

Target LA is a collective effort, driven by the dedication, talent, and spirit of the SUAC community. By combining the club's fundraising resources with contributions from alumni, supporters, and donors, we can support our athletes' ambitions.

Target LA athletes can receive support through participation in SUAC's overseas house in 2025.

Please be advised that the overseas package includes travel and accommodation only for the meets specifically identified as part of the official tour itinerary.

Any additional meets or events outside of the designated tour schedule are not covered under the terms of this agreement. Athletes wishing to attend events not included in the identified tour meets will be solely responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and associated costs.



TARGET LA PROCESS

1. All SUAC members and current and incoming members of the Elite Athlete Programme (EAP) 2024/2025 are eligible to apply for Target LA.
2. 8-12 athletes will be selected at the discretion of the Director.
3. Application details will be sent to all SUAC members via email.
4. Athletes wishing to be selected for Target LA will likely fall into the following categories:

Category	Description
Elite International	This category is for athletes who will represent SUAC at major international competitions such as Olympic, Paralympic, and World Championships.
Global University Representative	This category is for athletes who will represent SUAC at area and age group championships internationally.
Next Gen/ Emerging Talent	This category is for athletes who will represent SUAC in the top 16 of a national final.

After selection, athletes will be notified and provided with additional information around coordination and logistics.

The Director retains the discretion to consider an athlete for support where an application has inadvertently not been made.

The process for Target LA:

1. Application form and criteria available via Director of Athletics.
2. Athletes will submit **expression of interest (Eoi)** for consideration.
3. Director to consider Target LA applications.
4. Director of Athletics will notify athletes that have/have not been selected for Target LA for 2025.
5. SUAC will publish list of Target LA athletes for 2025. After selection, athletes will be notified and provided with additional information around coordination and logistics. However, athletes may be removed before the trip, or added to Target LA (or promoted up a level) following the domestic season, should their performances warrant such changes.

TARGET LA CONDITIONS AND COMMITMENTS

By submitting an **Eoi**, interested athletes confirm that they will support the following key terms and conditions:

- Have fulfilled EAP contractual obligations across 2023/2024/2025.

- Always remain in “good standing” with SUAC and comply with any established code of conduct or athlete agreement and otherwise conduct themselves in a way that does not bring their sport or SUAC into disrepute.
- Participate in fundraising activities on a voluntary basis.
- Athletes must sign any applicable paperwork or Athlete Agreement as required by SUAC
- Athletes must adhere to all anti-doping conditions (e.g. whereabouts, athlete filing, agreements) set by World Athletics, and Athletics Australia.
- The athlete must commit to participate in any performance/competition reviews as required by the Director of Athletics.
- Fulfill obligations to SUAC community donors and supporters as agreed.
- SUAC will arrange and pay for the accommodation of athletes whilst overseas and during competition period. Athletes are responsible for the cost of their travel to their home airport.
- Athletes selected will be reviewed periodically prior to overseas trip.

OLYMPIANS FROM THE TARGET TOKYO AND TARGET PARIS PROGRAMS



Michelle Jenneke



Mackenzie Little



Nicola Olyslagers



Liz Clay



Jenny Blundell



Allanah Pitcher



Rohan Browning



Alex Beck



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