

NZ Olympic Women's Sport Leadership Academy 2019

We are delighted to announce that the New Zealand Olympic Committee is calling for expressions of interest for its second intake of the NZ Olympic Women's Sport Leadership Academy.

The programme supports New Zealand's female Olympians to make a positive transition from sport performance to sport leadership.

The NZ Olympic Women's Sport Leadership Academy (NZ Olympic WSLA) scholarship programme will bring together outstanding female Olympians to take part in a 18-month programme, and connect with an international network of women leaders in sport.

The scholarship programme will provide a unique learning environment that will support these women to further develop their confidence and leadership competencies.



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By the end of the programme the women will have:

- Further developed confidence and competence in a range of leadership behaviours
- Produced a Personal Development Plan with clear goals
- Developed career strategies
- Participated in regular networking
- Greater self-awareness
- Access to mentoring
- Better knowledge and understanding of the women and sport movement in NZ and globally.

Who is NZ WSLA aimed at?

We are seeking expressions of interest from retired or retiring female Olympians who:

- are identified as current and future leaders in their organisations, and have an aspiration and commitment to pursue a leadership pathway
- are committed to making a difference and enhancing opportunities for women and girls in and through sport
- demonstrate a commitment to continuous professional development
- work or volunteer in a role where they can apply their leadership.

Successful applicants are likely to:

- aspire to, or be in middle management or recently appointed senior managers or Board members of sport or sport related organisations
- have key areas of responsibility such as heading up a specific department/area/project for their organisation or have current responsibility for influencing people and/or managing staff

The Programme Elements:

The Programme is facilitative rather than prescriptive based on a personalised learning approach with shared experiences and peer coaching, and an emphasis on self-reflection and action learning.

It consists of the following core elements:

- › **Workshops** – 3 x 3 day workshops over 18 months commencing April 2019
- › **Personal Development Plans** - setting goals on leadership behaviours and career strategies
- › **Mentors** – providing support throughout the programme
- › **Special Projects** – designed for maximum learning outside of the workshops.

Expressions of interest for the 2019 intake open now!

This is a scholarship opportunity, however travel to/from the workshops is the participants responsibility.

Applications close 26th November 2018

More detail on timelines and processes can be found at:

www.olympic.org.nz



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