The United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee’s Athlete Career and Education (ACE) program serves and empowers active and retired Team USA athletes in their pursuit of personal, educational and professional success. ACE connects Team USA athletes to a trusted community of athletes, employers, mentors, career coaches, and resources to inspire confidence, self-discovery and personal growth.

CAREER COACHING, READINESS, DEVELOPMENT

1:1 coaching and guidance to achieve your goals

Comprised of retired world championship competitors and NCAA athletes, ACE career coaches guide athletes to achieve their personal and professional goals in and beyond sport. Connect with an ACE career coach for one-on-one guidance about the job search process including assistance with resumes, cover letters, interviews, and “thank you” letters, and links to potential jobs and network connections.

Dates & Deadlines

ACE Tuition Grant Applications
Spring: March 4 – April 5
Fall: Sept. 1 – Nov. 1

DeVry Scholarship Key Dates
April 27, June 29, Aug. 24, Oct. 19

Simon Grant Applications
Needs-based support for travel and training
Oct. 19 – Dec. 6

Next Step: Transition to Business
Key dates for Spring 2021 Program
• Application deadline Oct. 2020
• Program begins Feb. 8, 2021
• Onsite program April 11 – 21, 2021

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

ACE awards over $500K annually in the form of tuition grants, connecting Team USA athletes with additional education programs

ACE USOPC tuition grant applications are made available every spring and fall for Team USA athletes pursuing any accredited undergraduate, graduate or certificate degree program.

ACE connects with higher education institutions to provide continuing education opportunities and programs for job specific skills training. This includes in-state tuition discounts, bootcamps, certifications and more.

DeVry University full tuition scholarships
Team USA athletes may be eligible for full tuition scholarships through USOPC sponsor DeVry University. Athletes can complete their undergraduate education or explore graduate degree programs through Keller Graduate School of Management.

TAX PREPARATION AND FINANCIAL ADVISING SERVICES

Download resource guides and work with advisors to make informed decisions about money matters

ACE provides Team USA athletes with the opportunity to work with a certified financial planner, or connect with a tax advisor, to make more informed decisions about finances.
ACE COMMUNITY, PLATFORM AND RESOURCE CENTER

Grow your support system by connecting with industry professionals, fellow Team USA athletes and a trusted resource network

Continue to leverage and grow your support system through the ACE Mentor Network, ACE career coaches and ACE resource center. By creating a profile on the ACE platform and connecting with an ACE coach, you will be a member of a community of athletes with shared experiences, along with employers, individuals and resources committed to helping Team USA athletes achieve their goals.

“I am part of a cohort who share with me similarly daunting transitions; a cohort that gives me the confidence to proceed – for none of us are doing it alone.”

BUILD YOUR BRAND; GROW YOUR VENTURE

Receive tools and guidance to develop you and your business

Through workshops, webinars, mentors and individual advising, ACE provides tools and guidance for Team USA athletes to successfully leverage their sport experience, and to launch and grow their personal branding, public speaking, social media and entrepreneurship ventures.

TRANSITION SUPPORT FOR RETIRING ATHLETES

The ACE Pivot Program assists Team USA athletes in rebuilding their athlete tribe, reframing their identity, and rediscovering their self and purpose through discussion of shared experiences

Led by sports psychology professionals and specialists, athletes engage in a two-day workshop and online follow-up meetings with their peers, designed to develop a growth mindset and empower them to tackle the next chapter of their lives with renewed support and confidence. Athletes will realize they are not alone, and can share and relate their experiences with others going through the same transition, and receiving support for future success.

CONNECT WITH ACE COACHES

1. REGISTER FOR ACE TEAMUSA.ORG/ACE
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