



**BlackNorth Initiative and U SPORTS –
Bursary and Mentorship Program**

“ATHLETES ON TRACK”

2022

U SPORTS and **BlackNorth Initiative (BNI)** are partnering for the launch of *Athletes on Track*, a bursary and mentorship program designed to financially support university level student-athletes and provide them with the tools necessary to enter and thrive in the job market, post-graduation.

Funded by **Scotia Wealth Management** and **Sherrard Kuzz LLP**, the program consists of a **\$5,000 bursary** awarded annually to eight Black student-athletes. A mentor will also be provided to each student for support and guidance in general skills such as resume building and public speaking, as well as topics targeted specifically to each student’s goals.

“Black university student athletes in Canada face a myriad of systemic barriers at every level of their personal and professional development, including at the start of their careers. This program is designed to provide mentorship from and career connections with successful business and community leaders. The program aims to build important skills and relationships, to open doors that are otherwise shut.”

– Sundeep Gokhale, Sherrard Kuzz LLP, Co-Chair *Athletes on Track*

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