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BACKGROUND

The Adelaide Football Club Next Generation Academy (NGA) is an initiative aimed at increasing the opportunities for young people to learn about and play the game of Australian Rules Football. Australian football is becoming the sport of choice for diverse communities.

Our Academy model is targeted at Multicultural and Indigenous communities who may not have the opportunity to be involved in elite football programs. There is also a focus on participants who historically have been under-represented at AFL level. The Academy aims to value-add to existing State and National Pathway programs and will hopefully be one of many ways we can assist and increase the talent pool of young aspiring athletes who want to play our great game.

Whilst the Academy focus is primarily on identifying players, the Adelaide Football Club has decided to extend such support to coaches as well, hence the rollout of Next Generation Academy (NGA) Diversity Coach Scholarship Program. We see coaching pathways as an important part of our Academy model particularly in our metropolitan and regional Academy Hubs helping the development of players when they are training & playing back at club level.

SCHOLARSHIP OUTLINE

One coaching scholarships to be awarded each season. The recipients will;

- Be directly linked to our Next Generation Academy
- Will be encouraged to align themselves to a football club program within an NGA aligned SANFL zone (Sturt, Central District, North Adelaide and Glenelg).
- Be offered an opportunity to visit and work with our Adelaide Crows Next Generation Academy Talent Squad
- Get opportunities to undertake further external coach education
- Receive a financial grant of \$500.00 to assist with external education opportunities (eg. course costs, travel to attend courses)
- Opportunity to spend time and learn from our Adelaide Crows AFL Development coaches (at the discretion of the Adelaide Football Club)

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The Next Generation Academy Coaching Scholarships set criteria is;

- Open to all youth coaches (Coaching Under 14 -18's) that reside and coach within one of the four Adelaide Crows NGA aligned SANFL zone (Sturt, Central District, North Adelaide and Glenelg).
- Applicants must have coached for a minimum of 2 years at community club, school level or regional talent program within the past 4 years.
- Candidates must be from a Multicultural or Indigenous cultural background.
- Applicants must have a minimum Level 1 AFL Coach accreditation, and ideally completed or looking to undertake Level 2 AFL Coach accreditation.
- Being willing to undertake further coach education opportunities as agreed to with Crows Next Generation Academy Coordinator and provide evidence on any such education.
- Be a positive coaching role model at all times and adhere to the Adelaide Crows values along with the SANFL Coaching Codes of Conduct.
- Provide 3, 6 month and 12 month reflection on personal coach learning and development to the Crows Next Generation Academy Coordinator.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Interested applicants should supply a maximum 250 words expression of interest to:

Jarrold Meers

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by Friday 16 June 2017.

In your expression of interest – please outline your coaching background and reasons for applying for the Next Generation Academy Coaching Scholarships as well as a 1 endorsement /referees who can support your application (e.g. Club President / School Principal, and local footballer Manager).