



## Aberystwyth International Football Academy

Aberystwyth University and Aberystwyth Town Football Club have developed a partnership, Aberystwyth International Football Academy (AIFA), to enable international students to study and improve their football (soccer) skills or pursue a professional football career at the same time as completing their UK Undergraduate Degree. Click the link to learn about AIFA. https://youtu.be/cP Rtuxskn0

The program was designed by former Professional Footballer Enoch Showumni and Semi-professional footballer Michael Pryce who have 20 years' experience from the English football pyramid and are university graduates.

You will have opportunity to sign a Professional Contract with Aberystwyth Town Football Club or with clubs from the first tier and second tiers of the 55 UEFA Professional Football Leagues after graduation from Aberystwyth University.

# **FIFA Licensed Agents**

You will have professional advice, guidance, and mentoring support from a FIFA Licensed Agent for the duration of your time at the academy. Visit the agency at www.proethicalsport.com.



# <u>UEFA Pro Licence Coaching and Development</u>

You will develop an athlete mentality, skillset, and technical ability with professional coaching 4 times per week with a Head Coach who holds the UEFA PRO Licensed coaching qualification.

Training Sessions will be delivered during the mornings, afternoons and in the evenings structured to work around your degree study commitments with Aberystwyth University.

#### Professional Games and University Football

During the football season you will represent AIFA U19, U20 or U23 to gain professional playing experience against professional football clubs from England, Scotland, and Wales. You will also have additional opportunities to particate in extra game time with Aberystwyth University FC who have teams that play in Tier 4 of the Wales Football League System and the British University and Colleges Football League.

# The Football Stadium

Coaching sessions and Competitive Games/Matches take place at the Park Avenue Stadium home to Aberystwyth Town Football Club who play in the JD Cymru Premier League.



#### Highlights Profile and Performance Analysis

All competitive matches against professional clubs will be filmed by our media team to review team performances and create a video profile for each player in the academy. This data will be made available to professional clubs in 55 UEFA Countries to help your professional pathway after graduation from the university.

Training sessions will be evaluated using GPS Vest from Catapult Sports to enable the AIFA coaching staff to evaluate your fitness levels.

## Cost of the Program – Academic Year 2023/24

- International Tuition Fees at Aberystwyth University are between £14,000 and £16,000 per year (undergraduate programmes in the UK are 3 years); Football Academy Fees are £6,000 per year. US Students are eligible for financial aid during their studies at Aberystwyth University.
- PES consultation fee £99
- Student Visa £350- £500
- Healthcare surcharge will also cost around £1,500 for the full 3 year.





## Aberystwyth University - Degree Education

Student Athletes can choose from 300-degree programs taught by Aberystwyth University who are ranked 1st in the UK for Teaching Quality and Student Experience – (Times and Sunday Times, Good University Guide 2021)

#### **Health and Fitness**

All students living in university-managed accommodation will receive a platinum gym membership, giving access to fitness facilities and sports centre classes to support wellbeing.

## <u>Library and Learning Zone</u>

Hugh Owen Library is open 24/7 in term time, with recently refurbished social learning and study spaces and extensive resources.

# University faith space

The faith space is available to all registered students, members of staff and recognised Students' Union faith societies.

# Why study at Aberystwyth University

Swimming Pool, Indoor Tennis Courts, Squash Courts. Natural Grass and Artificial Pitches. Find out more <a href="https://youtu.be/g1cH9wmoei0">https://youtu.be/g1cH9wmoei0</a>

#### **Accommodation Options**

Aberystwyth University International feepaying students are eligible for the International Accommodation Award giving them their on-campus accommodation or either discounted by £2000 or at no extra cost.

# **On-Campus Shared Accommodation**

Accommodation is available on a first come first served basis. The International Accommodation Award is only applicable if you choose to live in university-managed accommodation.

## Additional Benefits of living On-Campus

All on-campus rooms are inclusive of utility bills and Wi-Fi, with residents also benefitting from free of charge Platinum gym membership at the University's Sports Centre. Be sure to pay your deposit as soon as possible and apply for housing. Click the link to view the range of on-campus shared accommodation options <a href="https://www.vimeo.com/777295084/fd4a4598d2">www.vimeo.com/777295084/fd4a4598d2</a>

# Food and Drinks Packages

You can opt for the Meal Plan Offer. Eat what you want, when you want, where you want. <a href="https://cateringpackage.aber.ac.uk/en/index.php">https://cateringpackage.aber.ac.uk/en/index.php</a>









#### Life in Aberystwyth – Wales, United Kingdom

Aberystwyth is a town with a great culture: whatever your interest, there's plenty to do. With beaches and the Cambrian Mountains there's no beauty quite like Aberystwyth.

## Sun, Sea, and Sand

The town's beach front is popular destination, and the coast provides plenty of opportunities for water sports, including bodyboarding, kitesurfing, kayaking and surfing.



## Nightlife and Culture

Aberystwyth is a lively seaside town with a close-knit community and plenty of shops, cafés, pubs, and clubs. The award-winning Aberystwyth Arts Centre is located on the university campus and the National Library of Wales is 5 minutes' away.

Local attractions include Ceredigion Museum and Aberystwyth Castle. The Rheidol Valley steam train offers a fun day out to Devil's Bridge and with picturesque waterfalls.



"Spectacular Views with Oceanic Climate"

# Culture and Diversity

Aberystwyth has a rich diversity of people and cultures which will enhance your international experience and understanding of community.



# Why do Students love Aberystwyth?

Aberystwyth has a lively social scene. Our Students' Union runs more than 100 clubs and societies from canoeing and computer gaming to moot debates and musical theatre.

Our Penglais campus is also home to Wales's largest Arts Centre with a boutique cinema, theatre, and live music venue as well as exhibitions, classes, cafes, and a bar. Click the link to find out why students love Aberystwyth.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=RojReua5h4U





Bringing Together Excellence in Education and Football





## **How to Apply**

Stage 1 – Discuss the AIFA program.

Book a 15-minute "Introduction to AIFA" https://pesfootballagency.setmore.com/

Stage 2 – Apply for your university degree.

Go to the Aberystwyth University website and click the Appy Now button to choose your degree https://courses.aber.ac.uk/subjects/

Stage 3 – Book a 45-minute consultation; "Aberystwyth International Football Academy - Join the Academy with Pro Ethical Sport.

<a href="https://pesfootballagency.setmore.com/">https://pesfootballagency.setmore.com/</a>

Stage 4 – Academy and University Offer

Receive email confirmation from Aberystwyth University and Pro Ethical Sports Management of your successful application to join AIFA.

# **Application Process and Guidelines**

You are required to provide your school or college grades to apply for a degree program at Aberystwyth University during the online application process on the university website.

Aberystwyth University and Pro Ethical Sports Management can help you with advice, guidance, and support for your visa application <a href="https://www.aber.ac.uk/en/studentservices/visasupport/">www.aber.ac.uk/en/studentservices/visasupport/</a>

You must email your football highlights video, cv/resume, and any references to AIFA Head of Recruitment at <a href="mailto:office@proethicalsport.com">office@proethicalsport.com</a> this will help the recruitment team assess your football/soccer talent, potential and ability.

Upon approval of a successful application to join Aberystwyth University and Aberystwyth International Football Academy you will receive a start date for September 2023 and help to relocate to your accommodation in Wales, UK.

## **Contact Information and Web Links**

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Aberystwyth Town Football Club

www.atfc.org.uk/aifa.html

Aberystwyth University

https://aber.ac.uk/en/study-with-us/ug-studies/scholarships/aifa/#costs









