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**Attn: President/ General Secretary/ Executive Director**

Dear friends,

We refer to the "FINA Scholarships Programme" part of the framework of the FINA Development programmes.

The application procedure opens as from the 7th of September, 2016. Therefore, we encourage your NF to start the candidate selection process in order to provide us with a complete application file for the athlete.

The FINA Scholarships programme will start on the 1st of October and each NF will be able to nominate 1 athlete according to his/her characteristics.

FINA will select 40 athletes every year from 2014 to 2017.

### PROGRAMME TIMELINE PERIOD 2016-2017

- **7th September 2016:** launch of the application procedure.
- **25th September 2016:** deadline for submitting applications to FINA to be included in the first batch of allocations (starting on 1st September 2014).
- **1st October 2016:** FINA decision and feedback.

Please note that additional allocation dates may be decided by FINA according to the number and timing of applications received as well as budget availability.

The objective of this programme, designed for potential elite athletes, is the qualification for the 2017 FINA World Championships in Budapest (HUN).

The main criteria for the allocation of the scholarships is the athletes' level: The athletes results must be between the Standard "B" and the standard "S" (as per FINA Scholarship Guidelines and Annex 1, see attached).

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could submit applications only for candidates that you judge as having the relevant profile.

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We kindly ask you to indicate the training option wished for each athlete: Training Centre Option or NF Training. We are currently revising our training centre network and since the number of places in each centre is limited, it is important for us to know at earliest stage which option is preferred to try and accommodate your wish.

According to our procedures, all application files will be technically evaluated. Only complete files duly signed will be evaluated.

All future correspondence from FINA regarding the scholarship programme will be sent by email to the email address indicated by the NF on the Application form (Annex 1). Please send back to the following email your application form : [development@fina.org](mailto:development@fina.org) (1 scanned PDF file and named by athlete).

We invite you to carefully read the programme guidelines and look forward to receiving your candidature files.

For further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



**Cornel Marculescu**  
**FINA Executive Director**

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