GRAND SLAM DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020

Grand Slam Player Grants Programme

Summary

On behalf of the Grand Slam Board and the Grand Slam Development Fund, the ITF is administering the Grand Slam Player Grants Programme (the “Grand Slam Programme”). Under the Grand Slam Programme, US$650,000 of the annual Grand Slam Development Fund (the “GSDF”) will be awarded to players who meet certain criteria and show exceptional potential.

The Grand Slam Development Fund (GSDF) Committee will be awarding Grand Slam tournament funded grants of up to US$25,000 to successful applicants.

The Grand Slam Programme is expected to operate on a yearly basis (over the course of a calendar year).

Applications are now open

The primary objective of the Grand Slam Programme is to provide direct Grand Slam tournament financial support to selected players from all around the world by way of a contribution towards their competition-related costs with the aim of helping them to develop as professional tennis players and gain international competitive experience, so that more nations and players will be represented in the mainstream of international competitions, particularly the Grand Slam tournaments, Davis Cup, Fed Cup and the Olympic Games.

Each Grand Slam grant awarded will be paid in four instalments during the course of 2020.
Who may apply?

You may apply if you were born between 1997(*) and 2001 (inclusive) and as at 25 November 2019 you meet/met the following minimum ranking criteria:

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(*) Recipients of the 2019 Grand Slam grant born in 1996 are eligible to apply for the grant in 2020.

If there are no players meeting the above criteria from your region, you may apply if you are born in 1994(**) and later and are the highest ranked player from your region and your ranking is in the Top 400 ATP / WTA as at 25 November 2019.

(**) Recipients of the 2019 Grand Slam grant born in 1993 are eligible to apply for the $12,500 grant in 2020 if they are still in the Top 400 ATP / WTA and there are no younger eligible players within the same region.

If on 25 November 2019 a player is ranked in the top 125 ATP / WTA rankings, this player is not eligible to apply for a Grand Slam grant.

Players that have reached a top 100 professional ranking at any point are not eligible to apply for this programme.

How do you apply?

In order to apply for a Grand Slam grant, your National Association must submit a completed application form on your behalf.
Additionally, your National Association must be eligible to apply on your behalf as per the 2020 National Association Development Eligibility Criteria.

Your application form must be accompanied by the supporting material identified below. Please note, the supporting material should anticipate the position if an annual Grand Slam grant were to be awarded (e.g. your budget should be formulated on the basis that you receive the Grand Slam grant, etc.):

1. Your competition schedule for 2020;
2. A detailed budget for your anticipated training and competition schedule for 2020;
3. A clear set of performance ranking goals for 2020 based on your ranking as at 25 November 2019;
4. A clear development plan to identify the key areas where you feel you can make the greatest improvements in 2020; and
5. A letter of Good Standing1 from your National Association (which must be no more than 3 months old as at the date the application is submitted).

Applications must be submitted by your National Association on your behalf.

All applications must be submitted either by:

   i) email sent to development@itftennis.com and Bill.Babcock@Grandslamtennis.com; or

1 For the purposes of the Programme, the term “Good Standing” means you:

(a) are not under a suspension imposed by your National Association, or by the ITF, or through the imposition of a suspension under the Grand Slam Code of Conduct accepted and approved by the ITF;

(b) are accepted by your National Association as being under its jurisdiction while competing in events for which your National Association has nominated you;

(c) make yourself available for selection for official team championships, the Olympic Tennis Event and accept the jurisdiction of your National Association while competing in events for which it has nominated you;

(d) respect the spirit of fair play and non-violence at all times;

(e) accept the conditions of entry of the events you enter, including the conditions of any Code of Conduct adopted for those events;

(f) agree to undergo any medical control, including gender control and tests, which are in operation at any event which you enter; and

(g) comply in all respects with the Codes of Conduct for the ITF Pro Circuit, the ATP / WTA and Grand Slam tournaments (as applicable) as may be in force from time to time.
ii) registered post sent to: International Tennis Federation, Bank Lane, Roehampton, London, SW15 5XZ, United Kingdom; marked for the attention of Luca Santilli, ITF Executive Director, Tennis Development and Bill Babcock, Director, Grand Slam Board.

Completed applications must be received by 09:00 a.m. GMT on Tuesday 03 December 2019.

Late applications (whether received by registered post or e-mail) will NOT be considered – you are responsible for ensuring that your application is received by the applicable deadline.

How are the Grand Slam grants allocated?

Whenever possible the GSDF Committee’s aim is to award at least one Grand Slam grant to a male player and at least one Grand Slam grant to a female player from each of the following regions:

- Europe
- Asia
- South America
- Central America and Caribbean
- Africa
- the Pacific

(the “Regions”).

However, this is subject always to there being a player from the relevant Region who meets the minimum criteria (as set out in the “Who may apply” section above).

Grand Slam grants are allocated in a three stage process.

Stage 1

Recipients of the 2019 Grand Slam grant shall receive a grant of US$25,000 provided they still meet the minimum criteria (as set out in the “who may apply” section above).

Stage 2

The Grand Slam grant shall be awarded to:
i) the highest ranked male applicant; and
ii) the highest ranked female applicant,²

from each of the Regions who have met the ranking criteria as set out in the “who may apply” section above.

If there is one Region from which there is no male applicant,³ a Grand Slam grant of $12,500 will be awarded to the highest ranked applicant of that Region who meets the criteria (as set out in the “Who may apply” section above).

**Stage 3**

Once a player from each region has received a Grand Slam grant under stage 2, the remaining number of available grants will be awarded to the next highest ranked players according the criteria as set out in who may apply section. These Grand Slam grants awarded will be up to US$25,000.

Annual Grand Slam grants shall not (despite the process set out above) be awarded to more than two male players and two female players from the same National Association.

The process for awarding Grand Slam grants as set out above under this Stage 3 will apply in an identical way for female applicants.

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**Conditions**

The award of each Grand Slam grant is subject to certain terms and conditions. If you are selected to receive a Grand Slam grant, you will be required to enter into a legally binding agreement with the ITF and Grand Slam Board setting out the terms and conditions upon which the GSDF Committee awards that Grand Slam grant to you. These will include (but are not limited to):

- you must be in Good Standing with your National Association;
- you may only use your Grand Slam grant for the purposes of paying for or contributing towards your costs of fulfilling your 2020 competition plan;

² A player cannot combine a grant from stage 1 and stage 2.
³ As noted below, exactly the same procedure applies in respect of female applicants.
- you must make yourself available to appear at promotional events and/or to participate in tennis clinics, at the ITF and/or Grand Slam Board’s request, on up to 5 occasions during the course of 2020;
- you must actively support the Grand Slam Programme on social media and provide positive statements about the Grand Slam Programme when speaking with any press or media.

If you are selected to receive a Grand Slam grant, it will also be subject to (without limitation) you passing a medical assessment to be organised by the ITF and funded by the GSDF.

**What happens after you submit your application?**

Applicants will be notified whether their application was successful by 6th December 2019.