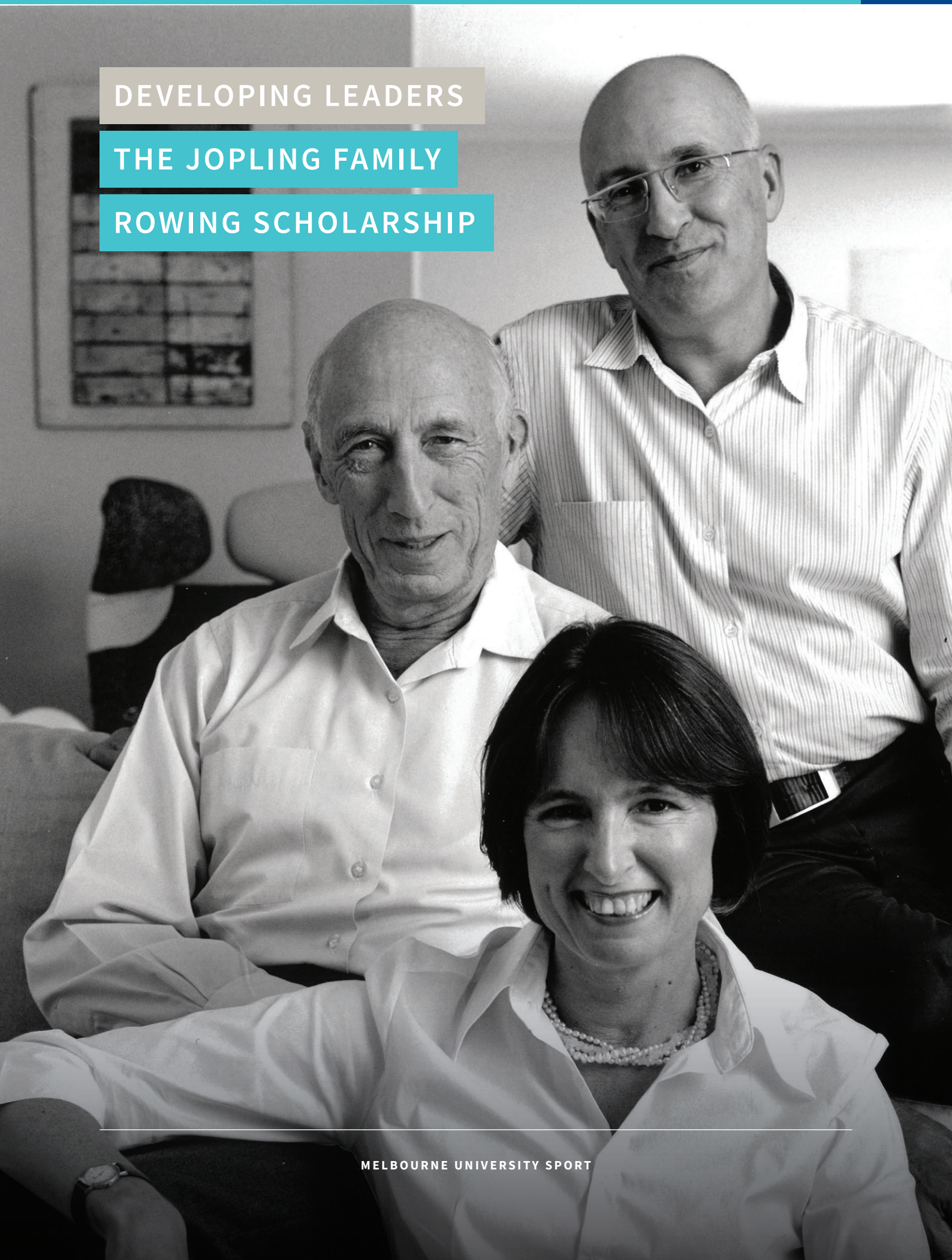


DEVELOPING LEADERS

THE JOPLING FAMILY

ROWING SCHOLARSHIP







“Rowing has been a constant throughout my life. The sport has provided me with valuable lessons and moments of discovery. The values that are present in sport are timeless – commitment, cooperation, dedication, discipline, organisation and selflessness. They are also the values that translate to study, family and community service. I am delighted that the Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship will be awarded to someone who reflects this life philosophy.”

**JOHN JOPLING JNR**

Life member, Banks Rowing Club; FISA World Masters competitor

“We established this Scholarship to honour two of the great passions in our father’s life—education and rowing. My wish is that it attracts the very best Australian students to study at the University and row for Melbourne University Boat Club. I want to see these scholarships offer exceptionally talented rowers, with academic potential, a real choice – to entice them to stay in Australia and row for Melbourne, and become leaders within the community. To achieve this, I believe, would honour my father immensely.

My association with the University has been a rewarding one at a personal level and I believe I owe much to the University in terms of career and personal development. My parents taught me that it was incumbent on those who were more fortunate than others to give back so that others might benefit from one’s good fortune. It is my hope that from humble beginnings this scholarship program might endure in a meaningful way for generations to come and build on the legacy of my parents that inspired me to give.”

**PETER JOPLING AM QC**

Barrister, donor and University of Melbourne alumnus

“My father has always instilled in our family the importance of hard work. His mantra is that ‘actions speak louder than words’, which he has exemplified through selfless deeds that have made a major difference to others’ lives. This scholarship will reward someone who is driven, ambitious and generous in spirit. It would be in keeping with my father’s values for the recipient to be considerate, collaborative, supportive of others and very focused in achieving team goals.”

**SUELLEN NAUGHTON**

Family member and Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship supporter

## A FAMILY COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND SERVICE

Rowing is unique amongst team sports. It is a sport in which a team will only succeed if every team member coordinates their movements and contributes equally to the cause.

Its individual format similarly requires discipline, organisation and a single-minded pursuit of excellence in order to succeed. As a consequence of these values, rowing has produced an extraordinary number of community, business and education leaders in Australian public life.

The values inherent in rowing and their application to other avenues of life inspired Peter Jopling AM QC to establish the Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship, which recognises and honours the contribution made to rowing, education and the Victorian community by Peter's grandfather and father – John Jopling Senior and John Jopling Junior. It seeks to inspire a new generation of community leaders, who possess the same passion for rowing as the Jopling family have maintained since John Jopling Senior first took up an oar on Ballarat's Lake Wendouree in the early 1900s.

**John Jopling Senior** was a champion stroke who won 10 Victorian championships across pairs, fours and eights. He stroked Victoria's King's Cup eight in 1924 and 1925, won the renowned Steward's Challenge Cup (1923) and supported developing rowers for many years in his capacity as president of Wendouree Ballarat Rowing Club.

**John Jopling Junior** inherited his father's love of rowing and the values inculcated through the sport, rowing for 75 years, beginning on Ballarat's Lake Wendouree in 1944. His lifelong passion for rowing was highlighted by a multitude of regatta wins, from schoolboy races through to FISA World Masters events. John's dedication to the sport and its people was recognised in 2017 with Life Membership at Banks Rowing Club, where he rowed and volunteered for half a century.

John's dedication to rowing always coincided with extensive family and work commitments. He rose to become Operations Director at Elders IXL, where he was responsible for breweries across the world. John passed his belief in the power of education, physical fitness and community service on to his children – Peter Jopling QC and Suellen Naughton – and grandchildren. The Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship honours that passion, providing future generations with an opportunity to excel, in the expectation that it will inspire them to give back to the community in turn.



## A HEALTHY MIND IN A HEALTHY BODY

For more than 160 years, the University of Melbourne has supported the belief that a healthy body leads to a healthy mind. The University's strong sporting culture and its continued focus on academic excellence exemplify this philosophy.

Now the University can support some of its best athletes as they progress through tertiary education, with a scholarship unrivalled in Australia and which matches against the best university scholarship programs in the world.

The University – through its academic divisions, Melbourne University Sport and the Melbourne University Boat Club – will develop tomorrow's leaders, thanks to the Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship.

Talented rowers will be inspired to reach their potential as sportspeople, students and community leaders, through access to Australia's best academics, rowing and fitness coaches, and student rowing peers. Scholarship recipients will benefit from the incalculable support of the Melbourne alumni community – Australia's best-connected academic, community and sporting network.

The Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship will provide talented individuals with the opportunity to follow the path of Melbourne alumni who have excelled as sporting, business, education and community leaders.



## ROWING AT MELBOURNE – AN ENVIABLE TRADITION

Rowing is inextricably tied to the University of Melbourne’s foundation years. The Melbourne University Boat Club was established in 1859 and is Australia’s oldest rowing club.

The University of Melbourne has been a leader in Australian rowing, beginning an intercolonial rivalry with the University of Sydney in 1860 and racing in national championships since 1870.

The Melbourne University Boat Club has an unrivalled pedigree. More than 40 oarsmen and women have represented Australia at the Summer Olympics, more than 100 have competed at the World Rowing Championships and the Club has an outstanding record in intervarsity championships.

The Melbourne University Boat Club exists to support rowers of all standards, aiming to support all oarsmen and oarswomen to become the best they can be – on and off the water. The Club emphasises the importance of volunteering and generosity, with many coaches and administrators dedicating their time and money to ensuring the Club maintains its exceptional performance and behavioural standards.

With the introduction of the Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship, the Melbourne University Boat Club can – through the Melbourne University Sport Elite Athlete Program – provide extraordinary support for a high achieving rower to reach their potential.

“In a competitive world, there are times when it gets tough to do all that is required. For those who are driven to excel in rowing and in life, the Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship provides an amazing opportunity. It will really assist those who have the capacity to achieve their goals and in turn do wonderful things for the community. The recipient will benefit from the University’s rowing culture, which encourages people to ‘have a go’ and set high goals for themselves. In turn, they will meet extraordinary people, have some wonderful experiences and draw lessons from education and rowing that are applicable throughout life.”

**PETER ANTONIE OAM**

Former President Melbourne University Boat Club, Olympic Gold Medallist, World Champion





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## AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCEL

From 2020, the Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship will attract the highest calibre of student to the University of Melbourne.

Successful scholarship applicants will have demonstrated community leadership, be strong academically and be highly talented rowers.

This will be one of the most valuable scholarships in Australian higher education. It will provide athletes with up to \$25,000 in educational support plus other in-kind athletic support for up to four years, at either undergraduate or postgraduate level.

To be considered for the Jopling Family Rowing Scholarship, you must be:

- An Australian citizen or permanent resident;
- A rower with demonstrated experience and excellence;
- Applying, accepted for or already enrolled in a course at the University of Melbourne; and
- Available to row for the Melbourne University Boat Club.



**It is highly desired that candidates also have demonstrated community leadership.**

Rowing requires collaboration, coordination, commitment, courage and a constant desire to improve – these are the characteristics also common to excellence in the community. The successful candidate will embody these values.

Scholarship recipients will, in addition of up to \$25,000 in educational support, receive in-kind support provided by the Melbourne University Sport Elite Athlete Program. This includes:

- Aquatic and fitness access;
- Strength and conditioning coaching from a dedicated staff member;
- Academic advocacy from a dedicated staff member;
- Flexible study assistance (subject to eligibility);
- Personal and professional development through the Elite Athlete Program Seminar Series;
- Mentorship through Melbourne University Sport’s Strong Women Network (female scholars only);
- Intersport support to represent the University at domestic and international rowing competitions; and
- Physiotherapy services (as required).

This is an unparalleled opportunity to combine continuing education with elite athletic preparation. No Australian university currently provides this level of support to its elite competition athletes.

“I am forever grateful for the opportunities that I had at school and university to try rowing, as it has changed my life. Rowing challenges you to truly know yourself. If you do it for long enough, then every strength, weakness, fear, courage, failure and success that lies within you will be found. It becomes a manual for life and there are few situations I find myself in life after rowing where I don’t consciously or unconsciously draw on the experiences I had in a boat.

To row at the University of Melbourne is to take part in history – it means being a steward for a legacy that is bigger than any individual. I am inspired by the volunteer contributions that people make to the club, through their time, experiences and financial commitment. There is a strong culture of giving back led by the coaches and masters rowers. Everyone is focused on giving the young members of the club the same opportunities and experiences that they enjoyed.

This scholarship will create an opportunity where there was not one. It will literally change a life and should be grasped with both hands.”

**JAMES MARBURG**

University of Melbourne alumnus, University Blue, Olympic Silver Medallist, World Championship Silver Medallist



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“Rowing teaches you the importance of leading by example and being the type of person who inspires, enables and supports those around them. It is impossible to be a great rower, even in a single scull, without a team around you. Everyone needs to share in the same goal and thrive in doing their bit to the best of their ability. This scholarship will give students the opportunity to thrive as people who are also great leaders, rowers and students.”

**KIM BRENNAN AM**

University of Melbourne alumna, University Blue, Olympic Gold Medallist, World Champion

## HOW TO APPLY

For more information, including how to apply, please see:

 [sport.unimelb.edu.au/jopling](https://sport.unimelb.edu.au/jopling)

## ABOUT US

### About the University of Melbourne.

Established in 1853, the University of Melbourne is a public-spirited institution that makes distinctive contributions to society through research, teaching and learning, and engagement. The University’s outstanding reputation is reflected in global rankings, with the University ranked number one in Australia and number 32 in the world (*Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2018/19*). Our alumni contribute to society across many fields of endeavour, with our sportsmen and women being particularly prominent.

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