

FINA renews Ayman Klzie's scholarship for 6 more months

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FINA scholarship holder Ayman Klzie of Syria has seen his training support extended for another six months, allowing him to fine tune his preparations to the [14th FNA World Swimming Championships \(25m\) 2018](#) [1] to take place in Hangzhou (CHN) from December 11 - 16, 2018.

Ayman grew up in Syria and developed a passion for swimming at a very young age. Put forward by his National Federation, Ayman has been benefitting from a FINA scholarship since 2017 and is currently training at Thanyapura Centre in Phuket, Thailand.

Thanyapura Aquatics Director and Ayman's coach Miguel Lopez speaks highly of the young swimmer:

"Ayman has become a very smart trainer, working harder and better than ever. I believe he has matured to his best level as a swimmer and as a teammate. He keeps working as an instructor in Thanyapura, which seems to help him remain more focused and alert."

Praising his leadership and emotional capacity among the 12-athlete group currently training at the Centre, Lopez praises:

"Ayman's leadership as an emotional captain for this group provides more benefit than his own performance. This is an aspect to be valued and rewarded. He surprises us every day with unexpected results, even better respect to the aerobic capacity."

Ayman broke his country's national record at the [Budapest 2017 World Championships](#) [2] last summer and is strongly believed to be just as successful at the upcoming World Swimming Championships (25m) in December.

"It is my deepest conviction that in October, as soon as we have a short course FINA approved meet - the Thailand Open meet- Ayman will break the national record again and accomplish the "B" cut for the Short Course World Championships."
