

The University of Manchester American Football Head Coach

School/Service	Sports Development Office
Location	Armitage Sports Centre, Moseley Road Manchester
Contract Type	Service Level Agreement
Grade	Pay range up to £3300 per Season Sep- May
Hours	Tuesday 8-10pm Sunday 4 -6 pm
Starting Date	September 2024

The University of Manchester has over 16,000 students and staff taking part in organised sport and physical activity through the University. The University recognises the importance of an active lifestyle in both the experiences that these opportunities provide our audiences as well as the positive impact that they have on their wellbeing.

Delivery of our sport and physical activity strategy is through UoM Sport which is based across our campuses primarily in Fallowfield at the Armitage Sports Centre and in Manchester University Students' Union on Oxford Road. Our activities take place across the city utilising a range of city facilities in supporting our community being active and promoting physical activity opportunities through our facilities and programmes.

The post holder will deliver quality coaching, management, organising, delivering and monitoring performance to the University of Manchester's American Football Team and increase their performance in British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS). The American Football team are part of the Team Manchester performance development programme and the coaches act as an influential extension of the UoM Sport department to student athletes.

The role will be primarily responsible for the delivery of an effective coaching programme, working assistant coaches, volunteer coaches, team captains and volunteers. The American Football team train twice a week on Tuesday 8-10pm & Sunday 2-4pm. The team are currently in BUCS 1A and play a minimum of 8 matches in the regular season, with additional matches possible if qualified for Playoffs.

Main Duties & Responsibilities

- To lead on the planning and implementation of an effective American Football coaching programme which facilitates performance and high levels of student athlete experience.
- To collaborate with other coaching staff in the club and work as part of the club's 'coaching team'.
- To assist UoM Sport with ensuring full engagement with the Team Manchester performance development programme criteria
- To take accurate registers at each training session
- To be involved with the planning and delivery an effective pre-season preparation in September and after the mid-season break in January
- Attend and manage BUCS fixtures and use evidence from fixtures to adapt and change training plans where required.
- To lead on playing squad selection with input from team captains (and other coaches where appropriate), maintaining a transparent selection processes. This will require attendance at trials.
- Assist in recruiting students to engage with coaching and officiating opportunities, providing opportunities where appropriate to coach within the club.

- Mentor student coaches within the club and offer support where appropriate to members who wish to undertake coaching qualifications or opportunities within the Coaching Pathway.
- To work with the Lead Coach to provide regular information and status reports, as agreed with the Representative Sport Coordinator, on team and club performance and progress.
- Work closely with the Workforce Coordinator and Representative Sport Coordinator, acting as an extension of the UoM Sport Department to assist with the development of American Football at the University of Manchester.
- To ensure all sessions comply with Health and Safety.
- To work within an equal opportunities' framework.

Application Process:

Please send a copy of your **CV** and a **cover letter** (stating how you meet the role criteria) to:

Ellen.stephenson@manchester.ac.uk

Closing date for applications : 9am Friday 13th September 2024

Interviews : Week of 16th September 2024

For informal any queries regarding this role please contact Ellen Stephenson at the email address listed above.

Person Specification

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UoM Sport are looking for people who are outgoing and highly motivated. The person specification below indicates the essential and desirable attributes that an individual must demonstrate to be considered for the post. Please note that covering letters should be written in way that demonstrates how the applicant meets each of the attributes. **Applicants will be shortlisted if they demonstrate how they meet all of the essential attributes. The desirable attributes are not necessary to be shortlisted, but are considered to be advantageous.**

	Essential	Desirable	Method of Assessment
Qualifications/Education			
BAFCA Level 2 (or higher) Qualification	✓		
Hold a fitness/S&C related qualification (i.e. SAQ)		✓	
Possess a Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport certificate	✓		
Recognised First Aid Qualification	✓		
Hold or are working towards a level 3 coaching qualification		✓	
Hold the appropriate BAFRA Coaching License	✓		
Experience and Knowledge			
Relevant and demonstrable experience of coaching American Football	✓		
Experience of working with young adults and / or students	✓		
Previous experience of coaching at BUCS level, including knowledge of rules & regulations		✓	
Relevant and demonstrable experience of mentoring, supporting and encouraging coaches		✓	

Understanding and awareness of modern coaching techniques and practices suited to student athletes	✓		
Skills			
Excellent communication and interpersonal skills	✓		
Excellent motivational skills	✓		
Ability to plan, develop and deliver high quality coaching sessions	✓		
Excellent planning and organisational skills	✓		
Ability to produce reports and use IT software for monitoring and evaluating purposes	✓		
Ability to monitor and evaluate own coaching performance	✓		
Other			
Performance driven with a can do approach	✓		
Must be able to work evenings, Wednesday afternoons and where determined by business needs, weekends.	✓		
Be available to travel around the country to attend BUCS fixtures/events	✓		
Hold a valid DBS or willing to undertake	✓		
Committed to equal opportunities	✓		
An understanding of Health and Safety and safeguarding procedures	✓		