

## **The University of Manchester Lead Cheer Coach**

School/Service	Sports Development Office
Location	Sugden Centre, Trinity Sports Centre, Electric Athletic
Contract Type	Service Level Agreement
Grade	Fixed fee £3200
Hours	4.5 hours of coaching per week Monday 8.30pm – 10pm and Sunday 10am – 1pm and attendance at 4 competitions over the season.
Starting Date	September 2024

### **Job Details**

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 Cheerleading Club Team Manchester athletes and increase their performance in National Cheer Competitions. This group of athletes train together 3 times a week with at least 4.5 hours of this coaching provided by the Team Manchester coach. There may be opportunities for further paid coaching hours as required by the team.

### **Main Duties & Responsibilities**

- Deliver an effective coaching programme that helps improve the performance and experience of all athletes
- Lead sessions for Team Manchester members throughout the season ( 2 semesters of 12 weeks)
- Lead the athletes with input from team captains (and other coaches where appropriate) to select competing members and maintain a transparent selection processes.
- Assist in recruiting students to engage with coaching 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/ officiating Pathway.
- Provide regular information and status reports, as agreed with the Representative Sport Development Coordinator, on team and club performance and progress..
- Work closely with the Representative Sport Development Coordinator and committee members to assist with the development of the Cheerleading club at The University of Manchester.
- To ensure all sessions comply with Health and Safety.
- To work within an equal opportunities framework.

### **Key Competitions dates ( more to be added):**

- Future Cheer University Nationals (Manchester) Saturday 16th February
- BCA University Nationals (Telford) or Legacy Alpha and Omega (Birmingham) – 15th or 16th March
- ICC British Open (Nottingham) 29 or 30th March

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](mailto:Ellen.stephenson@manchester.ac.uk)

Closing date : 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Interviews week beginning : week of 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

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

### Person Specification

Cheerleading Coach

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
<b>Qualifications/Education</b>			
Hold a Cheer Level 2 qualification (acceptable qualifications include BGU Level 1& 2, BCQ Level 1-3, United Cheer credentials level 1 &2, UKCA Foundations Tumbling skills +UKCA foundation stunt skills ( <b>must have both</b> )	✓		
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 4 coaching qualification		✓	
<b>Experience and Knowledge</b>			
Relevant and demonstrable experience of coaching Cheerleading at performance level	✓		
Experience of working with young adults	✓		
Relevant and demonstrable experience of mentoring, supporting and encouraging coaches		✓	
Understanding and awareness of modern coaching techniques and practices suited to student athletes	✓		
<b>Skills</b>			
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	✓		
<b>Other</b>			
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 competitions	✓		
Hold a valid DBS or willing to undertake	✓		
Committed to equal opportunities	✓		
An understanding of Health and Safety and safeguarding procedures	✓		