

Role description

Title	GB Students Lead Physiotherapist
Employer	British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS)
Team	GB Students
Manager/Team	GB Students Chef de Mission / Deputy Chef de Mission / Chief Medical Officer / BUCS Head of International Student Sport and wider HQ team (Games time)
Place of work	Remotely during pre-Games with requirement for physiotherapy provision preparations at the BUCS Office (20-24 King's Bench Street London, SE1 0QX) where necessary. Multi-site village model in Chungcheong, Korea.
Main purpose of role	British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) is seeking to appoint a highly qualified and experienced volunteer Lead Physiotherapist to lead physiotherapy support and delivery for the GB Students delegation due to compete at the FISU Summer World University Games in 2027.

The successful applicant will take on the role for one World University Games cycle, from appointment through to the conclusion of the Chungcheong 2027 Games.

The FISU Summer World University Games are staged biennially as a celebration of international university sports and culture. The FISU Summer World University Games is considered one of the largest multi-sport Summer Games in the world to the Summer Olympics. The Games represent an experience comparable to an Olympic, Paralympic & Commonwealth Games in terms of scale, village life and competition format.

The next Games are due to be held in Chungcheong, South Korea between 1–12 August 2027 and Great Britain students will compete in a maximum of 18 sports at the Chungcheong Summer Games.

It is anticipated that the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland will send a delegation of around 100–150 to the FISU Summer World University Games 2027.

MAIN DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Pre-Games (shall include but not be limited to):

- To participate within regular meetings (in-person or via Teams) as a member of the GB Students Senior Leadership Team, offering constructive opinion and support for the overall delivery of medical and physiotherapy services across the GB Students Chungcheong 2027 footprint.

- To work closely as part of the GB Students SLT with the Chief Medical Officer and BUCS Head of International Student Sport in the detailed planning for the 10 months in advance of the Summer World University Games.
- To work with the Chef de Mission, Chief Medical Officer, BUCS Head of International Student Sport and TASS to recruit a diverse team of HQ Physiotherapists to be deployed during the World University Games.
- To establish and build relations with the Organising Committee physiotherapy structures, and work with the GB Students CMO to cascade all relevant information to HQ and National Governing Body medical staff.
- To collate, refine and stock check all necessary physiotherapy and medical consumables and equipment required by the HQ clinical team at The Games with the GB Students CMO, assisting in the ordering, packing and freighting of all items before, during and after The Games in coordination with the BUCS Head of International Student Sport / International Student Coordinator.
- To contribute to pre-event educational resources and materials designed to support delegates, including injury prevention, load management and travel health guidance relevant to South Korea.
- To support pre-Games physiotherapy screening and preparation requirements for the delegation in liaison with NGB medical staff.

Games Time (shall include but not be limited to):

- To lead and provide high quality physiotherapy support to all athletes during their preparation and competition phase and for the whole duration of the World University Games.
- To act as the lead and primary contact for all HQ and National Governing Body physiotherapy staff throughout the Games.
- To provide a responsive, accessible physiotherapy support service to all GB Students delegates, both in a clinic village setting, as an escort during travel, in competition and training venues, on-call and across all other locations deemed appropriate to meet the requirements of the role.
- To ensure a high standard of health promotion and preventative care for athletes and athlete support personnel including Medical Officers, Physiotherapists, Team Leaders, Coaching Staff and others.
- To liaise with other medical personnel and performance services support staff to ensure the highest standards of care for any athlete's injury or illness, and optimum rehabilitation and management extending post-Games, whilst always working within the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) guidelines on patient confidentiality.
- To promote drug-free sport and have a working knowledge of UKAD best practice and The Code (WADA).
- To keep detailed, confidential and secure physiotherapy records of all consultations.
- To provide accurate reports on physiotherapy activity within the village or other locations as required.
- To liaise as required with local medical and emergency services in Chungcheong.
- To input on and act in accordance with Incident Management Reporting.
- To act and meet requirements in accordance with the official FISU regulations.
- To liaise with the Chief Medical Officer on a regular basis regarding duties and to feed back any issues that arise.
- To participate in pre-event planning of equipment and supplies in conjunction with the Chief Medical Officer and BUCS Head of International Student Sport.

- To implement and act in accordance with BUCS policy, procedure and priorities in liaison with the BUCS Head of International Student Sport.
- To undertake other duties as delegated by the Chef de Mission as appropriate.
- To produce a detailed post-event physiotherapy report in conjunction with the Chief Medical Officer, Chef de Mission and BUCS Head of International Student Sport.

The successful candidate will play an active role in the pre-Games planning and organisation of the GB Students Delegation.

WORKING HOURS

Working hours will be as required to fulfil the role and the significant fluctuating demands throughout the World University Games. The post-holder will be required to acknowledge this and work in a flexible manner to accommodate all requests where appropriate.

October 2026 – March 2027:

- Monthly meetings relating to physiotherapy provision, event regulations and FISU medical requirements
- Begin identification and recruitment of HQ physiotherapy team alongside Chief Medical Officer and in partnership with TASS.
- Review of previous event physiotherapy documentation and injury reports
- Contribution to the overarching project plans, in collaboration with the International Student Sport team
- Supporting the International Department with operational tasks including reviewing physiotherapy equipment procurement, medical freight, travel health requirements and indemnity insurance cover
- Recruitment and confirmation of HQ physiotherapy team alongside Chief Medical Officer
- Development and delivery of education for staff on the FISU Games physiotherapy experience
- Increase in momentum leading up to relevant event registration and medical submission deadlines

April – July 2027:

- Bi-weekly meetings relating to Games preparation and delegate entries
- Finalisation and review of physiotherapy records, consent forms and data management processes
- Development of key Games time physiotherapy protocols and emergency procedures
- Development of injury prevention and performance support materials for athletes and NGB staff
- Contributing to the development of the Team Handbook (physiotherapy and medical sections)
- Final stock check, packing and freighting of physiotherapy consumables and equipment

Noting this list is not exhaustive.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

DBS check up to date and full driving licence. Suitable professional indemnity insurance cover covering work in South Korea for the purposes of providing physiotherapy cover to the GB Students delegation must be in place prior to the Games.



RELATIONSHIPS & INTERFACES

Report directly to the GB Students Chief Medical Officer, Chef de Mission and Deputy Chef de Mission. Work closely with the Chief Medical Officer, HQ Staff, NGB Staff at Games, including Team Leaders and support staff.

ESSENTIAL EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Degree in Physiotherapy or equivalent.
- Post graduate Masters in Sports and Exercise Medicine or Advanced MSK physiotherapy
- Member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) - with evidence of public liability insurance
- Registered with the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC).
- Current up-to-date level 2 or above Advanced pitch side trauma certificate (PHICIS, FA,, Lubas Medical, Scrumcaps etc)
- ACPSM Accreditation (Bronze or above).
- Suitable professional indemnity insurance cover covering work in the countries visited for the purposes of providing physiotherapy cover to the GB Students delegation.
- Current UKAD Accredited Educator certification.
- Currently working with, or having worked with, elite sport athletes for at least 5–10 years.
- Experience of delivering physiotherapy support to athletes and teams at elite competition level.
- An understanding of university sport and the higher education sector within the UK's high-performance structure.
- Experience of delivering and leading medical support to athletes and teams at elite competition level internationally.

DESIRABLE EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

- Demonstrated commitment to BUCS and university sport by providing physiotherapy support as part of the BUCS domestic programme including BUCS Nationals and BUCS Big Wednesday.
- Previous work within the international university sport programme including WUGs, EUGs, EUCs, or working within the TASS network.
- Previous work at similar multi-sport Games including EYOF, YOG, EOG, OG, CWG.
- Current or previous experience as a Physiotherapist working within home nations high-performance network (UKSI, SIS, etc) or employed directly by a Olympic or paralympic NGB.
- Qualification in massage therapy from a recognised course that leads to full membership of the SMA.
- Familiarity with FISU medical regulations and anti-doping requirements.
- MHFA Mental Health First Aider.

OTHER INFORMATION

Appointments will be made subject to satisfactory References.

The post-holder will act in accordance with the BUCS Team Members' Agreement and Code of Conduct.

REMUNERATION

This is an honorary position, although reasonable travel and subsistence costs will be paid (where not otherwise provided).

APPLICATION PROCESS

Candidates can apply by sending their CV and Cover Letter to:

Ross Simpson, Chef de Mission and Leyanne Jenkins, BUCS Head of International Student Sport

Email: gbstudents@bucs.org.uk

The deadline for applications is Sunday 11th October, 23:59hrs

If you have any questions in relation to your application, feel free to email these to gbstudents@bucs.org.uk.