**FA UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME**

Accelerator Application Guidance

Please read the Programme Overview and Criteria below before completing the application form.

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| **Programme Overview**British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS), in partnership with the Football Association (FA) are delighted to deliver the FA University Women’s Leadership Programme. Based on FA commissioned research into the key behaviours that align to high performance in roles and/or increased chances of employability; the programme aims to support females with aspirations to work within the women’s game to be competitive when they enter the job market: Seeking to bridge the gap between who the students are, and what they are capable of, through experiential and applied learning experiences. Students will have the opportunity to develop their skills, behaviours, confidence and professional network. They will be supported in defining their career goals and ambitions by exploring and understanding the diverse opportunities that exist in the women’s game.Students multiple face-to-face & virtual touch points and a graduation across a twelve-month period, including a two residential stays. The programme will feature both theoretical and applied learning experiences, with students being placed in ‘real life’ simulated situations. **Key Dates:*** 19 October 2023 – Staff Training Day 1 (in person)
* 20 – 22 October 2023 - Residential 1 (in person)
* 15 February 2024 – Staff Training Day 2 (virtual)
* 16 - 17 February 2024 - Residential 2 (virtual)
* 13 June 2024 – Staff Training Day 3 (in person)
* 14 – 15 June 2024 – Residential 3 (in person)
* There will also be some additional online training hours covering Mental Health Support through Student Minds and dates will be communicated as soon as they are available.

**Application Process:**As there are a limited number of places available and the fact that the programme will require commitment, it is crucial that applicants complete the full application and can commit to all programme dates. In order to apply, all applicants will need to:* Submit a written supporting statement from their line manager
* Submit a written recommendation statement from their line manager
* Submit a 3 minute application video (see questions and format below)
* Submit a short candidate application form via the BUCS website

BUCS and the FA are committed to diversity and inclusion and encourage applications from all ethnic communities as well as, or including, people from historically underrepresented groups who face barriers to participation and engagement. You can find the link to all required supporting documents and the submission link [here](https://www.bucs.org.uk/get-involved/football-development/women-s-leadership-programme-staff.html).Supporting videos will need to be sent separately via email to fawlp@bucs.org.uk using WeTransfer, or other large file sharing application, that will allow us to download your supporting video. Please label your video and email clearly so that we can identify what application it is linked to.  |

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| **Supporting Video (Bringing your application to life)** |
| Please create a three-minute video to support your application to be an Accelerator for FA University Women’s Leadership Programme. This can be done on any hand-held device or free-standing camera. Areas to consider:* + What is your approach to personal and professional development?
	+ Tell us about a time you stepped outside your comfort zone and the biggest reflection/learning that came from that experience.
	+ How do you show the people that matter to you that they do? Why do you do this?
	+ What is your proudest moment/achievement in relation to supporting someone else?

Please ensure videos are in a format that can be viewed on a laptop or computer. There are a limited number of places available so consider how you can make yourself stand out when completing both your application and video. |

*By submitting this form you acknowledge you have read and agree to the* [*BUCS Terms & Conditions*](https://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=16205&sectionTitle=Terms+and+Conditions) *and* [*Privacy Policy*](https://www.bucs.org.uk/page.asp?section=16206&sectionTitle=Privacy+Policy)*, and consent to the data being processed for the purposes of BUCS business and as outlined in BUCS Privacy Policy.*  *In addition to the Terms & Conditions and Privacy Policy this form requires you (the respondent) to supply personal data for associated individuals or groups of people. By submitting this form you confirm that all personal data submitted comes with the explicit consent of the individual/ group involved. All personal information inputted is supplied freely by the individual/ group and it is your responsibility, as the respondent, to secure this consent*.