



# World University Winter Games

## Head Physiotherapist

### GB Students

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#### Introduction

British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) is seeking to appoint a highly qualified and experienced volunteer Head Physiotherapist to lead physiotherapy support and delivery for the GB Students delegation due to compete at the 2021 World University Winter Games.

The successful applicant will take the role for one World University Games cycle, from appointment through to March 2021. The successful candidate will also be encouraged to support the BUCS domestic programme during their tenure.

The World University Winter Games are staged every two years, with the next event in being held in Lucerne, Switzerland between 21-31 January 2021

The World University Winter Games are one of the largest winter multi-sports events in the world. The event sees around 2,500 participants competing across 10 sports, from more than 50 countries. The Winter Games represents the experience most akin to a Winter Olympics in terms of scale, village life and competition standard.

It is anticipated that Great Britain will send a delegation of around 70-90 people.

It is expected that the Head Physiotherapist for the Winter Games will work closely with their equivalent counterpart for the Summer Games, and with the Summer and Winter Games' Chief Medical Officers.

The post holder is expected to be available for the event and pre-event acclimatisation period, the GB Students Briefing Meeting (1-2 days, 2-3 months in advance of the Games) and regular planning and preparatory meetings from appointment to event.

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#### Job Description

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

#### General Duties

- Co-ordinate the selection and appointment of GB Students HQ physiotherapists for the Winter Games
- Management of the Physiotherapists and Medical Centre in the Great Britain Headquarters in conjunction with the Chief Medical Officer
- Act as the main point of contact for the BUCS International Performance Manager regarding physiotherapy information for teams/athletes attending the World University Winter Games
- Liaise with NGB/TASS physiotherapists attending the event as part of the GB Students delegation
- Work closely with the Head Physiotherapist for the BUCS Domestic Programme, and partner organisations such as the Home Nation Commonwealth Games Federations, UK School Games and the BOA, to ensure adequate provision of physiotherapy equipment and consumables for BUCS international & domestic programmes
- To stock take and order physiotherapy supplies in conjunction with the BUCS office and the Head Physiotherapist for the Summer Games and the BUCS Domestic Programme
- To assist in the packing and detailed scheduling of physiotherapy supplies as necessitated by customs and freight agents for the Winter Games
- Maintain such information on treatment as required to provide accurate reports and records



- Production of a post-event Physiotherapy report on issues arising for future reference and planning
- Act as a member of the Senior Management Team, as required, in conjunction with the Chef de Mission, Deputy Chef de Mission, Chief Medical Officer and Headquarters Manager

Reporting to: BUCS International Performance Manager and Chef de Mission (pre and post-Games)

Reporting to: Chef de Mission (during Games period)

## **Person Specification**

### **Essential Qualifications/Experience**

- A member of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy with a Degree or Graduate Diploma in Physiotherapy and with a minimum of 10 years post-registration experience
- Experience of working with an NGB or sports institute on a regular basis across at least two competitive seasons and to have at least five years' experience in the treatment of elite sports related injuries
- Attendance at an International Multi-Sport Games at either age-group or senior level as part of the headquarters medical team
- Continuing professional development in the musculoskeletal and locomotor fields including evidence of regular CPR/trauma training
- Detailed knowledge of doping rules and procedures as contained within current WADA list
- The post holder must be able to demonstrate a sound understanding of the needs of high-performance competitors and officials both before and during international competition.

### **Desirable Qualifications/Experience**

- A Diploma or MSc in Sports Physiotherapy and proof of working towards the ACPSM gold level or BOA Physiotherapy Register
- ACPSM accreditation silver or gold
- A massage therapy qualification from a recognised course that leads to full membership of the SMA
- Evidence of active involvement within student sport and an understanding, knowledge and awareness of University sport and the Higher Education sector within the UK's high-performance structure
- Experience of using the Injuryzone system
- Ability to ski/snowboard

### **Essential Personal Attributes**

- Ability to lead a team
- Ability to work both as a team player and individually
- Willing to work long and unsociable hours
- Ability to respond to queries in a timely manner
- Flexible and conscientious approach to work
- Stability of performance under pressure/when being opposed
- Can identify and respond to stress in self and others
- Work effectively in a stressful environment under time and resource pressure
- Ability to make strategic decisions for the good of the team under the constraints of patient confidentiality
- Ability to act quickly and independently
- Ability to refer decisions to appropriate higher authority
- Understanding of the extra pressures that an away Games will add to athletes and staff

Please note that the selection process will account for candidate's values and behaviours as well as their technical expertise.



## **Other Information**

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

## **Remuneration**

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

## **Application Process**

Candidates should send a CV and Covering Letter (including details of two referees) to [GBStudents@bucs.org.uk](mailto:GBStudents@bucs.org.uk). Candidates should also complete the survey [available here](#) prior to the application deadline.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 15 April 2020.

Please contact [GBStudents@bucs.org.uk](mailto:GBStudents@bucs.org.uk) if you have any questions in relation to your application.

**Follow up calls and/or interviews will take place at a time to be confirmed with successful applicants in due course.**