



World University Winter & Summer Games

Physiotherapists

GB Students

Introduction

British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) is seeking to appoint a team of highly qualified and experienced volunteer Physiotherapists to support the GB Students delegation due to compete at the 2021 World University Winter and Summer Games.

The successful candidates will take the role for one World University Games cycle (Winter or Summer), from appointment through to the end of the Games. The successful candidates will also be encouraged to support the BUCS domestic programme during their tenure.

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

In 2021 the World University Summer Games will take place in Chengdu, China between the 16-27 August. The Summer Games are the second largest multi-sports event in the World after the Summer Olympics. The event averages over 10,000 participants, competing across 18 sports, from more than 140 countries.

The Games represent an experience akin to a Commonwealth Games or an Olympics/Paralympics in terms of scale, village life and competition standard.

It is anticipated that Great Britain will send a delegation of around 70-90 people to the Winter Games and 150-200 to the Summer Games.

The appointed Physiotherapists are expected to be available for the event and pre-event acclimatisation period and the GB Students Briefing Meeting (1-2 days, 2-3 months in advance of the Games).

Job Description

- To liaise with sport team managers and coaches prior to the event to gain an understanding of any pre-existing injuries and specific sports demands
- To gain an insight into the level of engagement of physio and requirements 'pitch-side', post event and any recovery strategies
- To provide a high-quality sports physiotherapy service to both athletes and team officials
- To liaise with and support medical HQ and BUCS staff as requested
- To work within the CSP code of conduct and the IFSP competencies for sports physiotherapists
- To maintain accurate patient records in keeping with CSP guidelines
- To provide post-event feedback to the NGB, team or local physios regarding injuries, physio and medical intervention

Essential Qualifications/Experience

- A member of the CSP with a Degree or Graduate Diploma in Physiotherapy and HPC membership
- 5 years post-registration physiotherapy experience
- Experience of working with an NGB on a regular basis across at least 2 competitive seasons and to have at least 3 years' experience in the treatment of elite sports related injuries
- ACPSEM bronze accreditation level obtained



- Continuing professional development in the musculoskeletal and locomotor fields including evidence of regular first aid and advanced trauma training
- Previous experience of working as a sole practitioner and travelling abroad with a team
- 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
- Working knowledge of the ethical standards and guidelines of patient confidentiality
- Professional indemnity insurance

Desirable Qualifications/Experience

- A Diploma or MSc. in Sports or musculoskeletal Physiotherapy
- Previous multi-sport experience or a proven record of working at a major Games or would be desirable (either on behalf of a Local Organising Committee, or preferably as an accredited member of a participating nation)
- ACPSEM silver or gold accreditation level obtained
- Evidence of active involvement within student sport. An understanding, knowledge and awareness of University sport and the Higher Education sector within the UK's high-performance structure would be considered an advantage
- Sound understanding and working knowledge of the WADA code and have experience with doping control, policies and education
- To have demonstrated commitment to BUCS by providing physiotherapy support to the BUCS domestic programme
- A massage therapy qualification from a recognised course that leads to membership of the SMA, and an Acupuncture qualification with AACP membership, would both be considered an advantage
- Ability to ski/snowboard (Winter Games applicants only)

Essential Personal Attributes

- 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. 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 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.