

University of Manchester
UoM Sport
(Division of Student Life within the Directorate for the Student Experience)

Do you have what it takes to be a leader for student sport?

Sport Sabbatical Officer for the University of Manchester
Fixed term appointment (13 months), start date 1st July, 2019
Salary £20,836

Playing sport at Manchester is one of the most enjoyable and rewarding aspects of being a student. The University is offering an exciting opportunity for a current student or recent graduate to contribute to the development of sport and active lifestyles in the context of the 2020 agenda and beyond for the institution.

You will be responsible for providing advice to Athletic Union clubs, monitoring and evaluating competitive club performance and the ongoing development of the Athletic Union and sports provision for students. This will include contributing to the improvement of sports clubs' performance, assisting the sports development team to improve participation and recreational programmes and raising awareness across campus of the huge range of sporting opportunities the University has to offer. You will be the main point of contact with BUCS (British Universities and Colleges Sport) on all issues relating to student competition. You will also lead on organising and staging at least one major student participation sport event on campus during the year. You will be actively involved in managing a significant budget relating to competitive club activity (over £300k), and for directing fundraising for UoM Sport. As part of the UoM Sport senior management team you will contribute to decisions affecting all aspects of sport and active lifestyles, helping to drive performance at all levels.

You will act as a champion for sport, representing student opinion and ensuring that a first class sports service is delivered to all students at the University.

In return, you will develop great management skills by leading over 300 committee members and directly line managing four Athletic Union Executive Committee members. Through the management of the budget you will learn a great deal about budgeting and finance. By dealing with challenging problems on a day-to-day basis, you will learn problem solving skills that will become invaluable in later life.

We are looking for a natural leader who has a passion for sport and has experience of playing and organising sport whilst at University. You will need to demonstrate initiative, excellent communication skills and the ability to plan and organise the delivery of services. You will need to evidence how you motivate and develop others in order to raise standards and achieve success. An understanding of BUCS and the general structure of sport in the UK will be advantageous.

To be eligible for this role you must be either a current final year student or a recent graduate (within the last year) of The University of Manchester.

If you think you have what it takes to be a student champion and development sport at the University of Manchester, details for this unique post are available from <http://www.sport.manchester.ac.uk/sport/athleticunion/>

The closing date for applications is April 22nd, interviews will be held on May 1st.