Sport Sabbatical Officer

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**Closing Date :**4th June 2025

**Employment Type :**Fixed-term to 31/07/26

**Interview Date :**17th June

**Duration :**Start date – July 2025 to finish date – 31/07/2026

**Faculty / Organisational Unit :**UoM Sport

**School/Directorate :**Directorate of the Student Experience

**Division :**Division of Residential & Sport Services

**Hours Per week :**35 hours per week

**Salary :**£25,448

**Location :**Oxford Road, Manchester

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 at UoM.

You will be responsible for overseeing the UoM Sport Clubs, providing advice, guidance and support as well as monitoring and evaluating their impact to ensure they provide positive sport experiences for all students at every level.

You will act as the Universities voice within BUCS, taking the role as voting member you will represent the needs of UoM at National and regional forums. Advocating for high quality competitive and development opportunities for our students.

You will act as a champion for sport within the University and represent student opinion to ensure the department provides first-class sport opportunities across the institution. Specifically, this will involve developing student feedback forums for those at every level of the sporting pathway to ensure our programmes continue to meet student need.

You will assist the Sport Programmes team in improving participation and recreational programmes and raise awareness across campus of the wide range of sporting activities that the University has to offer. You will be the main student liaison with BUCS (British Universities and Colleges Sport) on all issues relating to student competition. You will also lead on organising and delivering events and campaigns aimed at promoting the value of sport as well as targeting new participants into activities.

As part of the Sport senior management team, you will contribute to strategic decisions affecting all aspects of sport and active lifestyles, helping to drive performance at all levels. This will include supporting of budget setting and challenging ongoing management of the accounts to ensure resources are directed to best meet strategic outcomes.

In return, you will development great management skills by leading over 300 student committee members and directly line managing up to 8 Sport Executive Committee members. You will learn a great deal about budget management and by dealing with challenging situations; you will learn key problem-solving skills that will become invaluable for your future career.

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 events and activities. You will need to evidence how you motivate and develop others in order to raise general standards and achieve success. An understanding of BUCS and other national student competitions as well as 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.

To apply for the role please return a CV and supporting letter (no more than two sides of A4) detailing why you are interested in the role, and how you meet the Job Description.

**Enquiries about the vacancy, shortlisting and interviews:**

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**This vacancy will close for applications at midnight on the closing date.**

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