

The University of Manchester Men's Football 1st team Assistant Coach

School/Service	UoM Sport
Location	Armitage Sports Centre, Fallowfield, Manchester
Contract Type	Service Level Agreement
Grade	Pay £4,340 – dependant on attendance at away and cup/trophy fixtures
Hours	2 x 1.5 hour training sessions per week (Monday 19:00-20:30; Thursday 19:15-20:45, season from Aug 2026 to May 2027) Attendance at all fixtures– Wednesday (afternoon or evening) and Saturday (afternoon)
Starting Date	Aug 2026

Job Details

The University of Manchester has over 16,000 students and staff taking part in organised sport and physical activity through the University. The University recognises the importance of an active lifestyle in both the experiences that these opportunities provide our audiences as well as the positive impact that they have on their wellbeing. Delivery of our sport and physical activity strategy is through UoM Sport which is based across our campuses primarily in Fallowfield at the Armitage Sports Centre and in Manchester University Students' Union on Oxford Road. Our activities take place across the city utilising a range of city facilities in supporting our community being active and promoting physical activity opportunities through our facilities and programmes.

The post holder will deliver quality coaching, management, organising, delivering and monitoring performance to the University of Manchester's Football Club and increase their performance in British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) and Manchester Football League (Step 7). This role will be responsible for the assisting the coaching and management staff to enhance the performance level players within the club.

The role of the club is to develop players technically, tactically, physically and mentally, so they are ready to make the step up to 1st team level. We have a clear pathway through our club, from the Development team to the Reserves and then the 1st team. In the 2022/23 season, our club merged with a local club to form Govan & Uni of Manchester FC, allowing us to supplement BUCS football with senior football on Saturday afternoons, giving our student players, alumni and some local non-student squad members, experience of open age football. The 1sts play at Step 7 in the Manchester Premier Division – promoting to semi pro. The Reserves play in Division 3. The Development team are in the U23 division.

The club has a clear playing philosophy which all our teams adhere to: Possession based, building through the thirds with no-fear, attacking, incisive football, coupled with high pressing and collective compactness are key elements of our style of play. We also have a set of core values which underpin everything we do. We want to develop our members on and off the pitch – as players, people and future professionals. The club has session and match planning forms and a coaching curriculum to be used by all coaches, and will look to support your professional development through observations and peer support.

Main Duties & Responsibilities

- Deliver an effective coaching programme (in line with our club curriculum & playing philosophy) that helps improve the performance and experience of Football club members through well planned, developmental and engaging training sessions. (Using club session plan proforma)
- Plan and deliver an effective pre-season, including after the BUCS mid-season break in January
- Support in the delivery of club trials & support fellow club coaches
- Track and monitor player availability in 2 monthly cycles, so we can forecast and plan ahead
- On matchdays, ensure excellent organisation and a professional approach gives our players the best possible preparation and experience (Using club match planning sheets)
- Provide regular information & status reports, on team & individual performance & progress, to the Head Coach and other club coaches in our weekly coach meetings (usually online).
- Support our one club mentality & Academy model through clear and supportive internal club pathways.
- Work closely with the Coaching team, UoM Sport team and committee members to assist with the necessary admin, data collection and wider development of the Football Club at The University of Manchester.
- Support the organisation and delivery of the Club Presentation Evening (End of season)
- To promote our club's core values through words and actions and ensure all our players follow our Player Code of Conduct.
- To ensure all sessions and matches comply with Health and Safety, and work within an equal opportunities framework.

For informal any queries regarding this role please contact Jack Norbury (Men's Football Head Coach) at jack.norbury@manchester.ac.uk

Application Process:

Please send a copy of your **CV** and a **cover letter** (stating how you meet the role criteria) to: jonathan.kantor@manchester.ac.uk

The closing date for applications is **Friday 31st July**, with interviews currently planned for the week commencing **Monday 10th August**. We encourage applicants to apply as early as possible, as we reserve the right to close the vacancy early and bring forward interviews if we receive applications from candidates who meet our requirements.

Person Specification

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UoM Sport are looking for people who are outgoing and highly motivated. The person specification below indicates the essential and desirable attributes that an individual must demonstrate to be considered for the post. Please note that covering letters should be written in way that demonstrates how the applicant meets each of the attributes. **Applicants will be shortlisted if they demonstrate how they meet all of the essential attributes. The desirable attributes are not necessary to be shortlisted, but are considered to be advantageous.**

	Essential	Desirable	Method of Assessment
Qualifications/Education			
Hold a Level 2 Football Coaching or a UEFA C Football (Level 2) coaching qualification	✓		
Possess a Safeguarding and Protecting Children in Sport certificate	✓		
Recognised First Aid Qualification	✓		
Hold or are working towards a level 3 coaching qualification		✓	
Experience and Knowledge			
Relevant and demonstrable experience of coaching competitive Football at performance level	✓		
Experience of working with young adults	✓		
Relevant and demonstrable experience of mentoring, supporting and encouraging coaches		✓	
Understanding and awareness of modern coaching techniques and practices suited to student athletes	✓		
Skills			
Excellent communication and interpersonal skills	✓		
Excellent motivational skills	✓		
Ability to plan, develop and deliver high quality coaching sessions	✓		
Excellent planning and organisational skills	✓		
Ability to produce reports and use IT software for monitoring and evaluating purposes	✓		
Ability to monitor and evaluate own coaching performance	✓		
Other			
Performance driven with a can do approach	✓		
Must be able to work Monday and Thursday training evenings, and Wednesday and Saturday fixtures	✓		
Be available to travel around the country to attend BUCS fixtures. Be available to travel around Greater Manchester to attend MFL fixtures.	✓		
Hold a valid DBS or willing to undertake	✓		
Committed to equal opportunities	✓		
An understanding of Health and Safety and safeguarding procedures	✓		
Able to drive to MFL fixtures	✓		