



The **University of Wolverhampton** in partnership with **Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club**

MRes Sport & Exercise Bursary
Assistant Sport Scientist

Applicant Pack





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Full fee bursary funded by Wolverhampton Wanderers FC

Assistant Sport Scientist (2 positions)

We are offering **two** fully funded bursary opportunities (Assistant Sport Scientist) in conjunction with Wolverhampton Wanderers FC for applicants interested in studying the MRes Sport & Exercise at the University of Wolverhampton.

Closing Date: Wednesday 13th June 2018

Interview Date: Week commencing Monday 23rd July 2018

Start Date: Induction at WWFC - week commencing Monday 13th August 2018

Induction at University of Wolverhampton - Monday 24th September 2018

MRes Sport & Exercise (Full-time)

The MRes Sport & Exercise course aims to develop you as a researcher and reflective, evidence-based practitioner within your specialist area of sport, exercise or coaching science. There is an emphasis on student-led research and modules focused on the application of research within both laboratory and applied settings. For further information about the course please click [here](#).

Bursary

Assistant Sport Scientist (Wolverhampton Wanderers FC – Full Home/EU Fees)

The bursary will cover full course fee costs for the MRes Sport & Exercise and in exchange you will work within Wolverhampton Wanderers FC Academy. While undertaking this work successful applicants will be supervised and mentored by a UKSCA accredited member of staff. The bursaries will enable the successful recipient to gain experience in working within a professional sport environment alongside their MRes Sport & Exercise studies.

Please note: The bursary and associated opportunity to work with Wolverhampton Wanderers FC Academy is in combination with studying the MRes Sport & Exercise. Therefore successful progress on the MRes Sport & Exercise throughout the 2018-19 academic year is a requirement of continued receipt of the bursary and work experience offered by the club.



Bursary Role Descriptor / Person Specification

Role title:	MRes Sport & Exercise / Assistant Sport Scientist (x2)
Organisation providing bursary:	Wolverhampton Wanderers FC
Department:	University of Wolverhampton, Institute of Sport & Human Science / WWFC Academy
Working hours:	25 hours per week
Fee:	Bursary to cover full tuition fee for full-time study of the MRes Sport & Exercise (Home/EU; 1 year max.)
Accountable to:	Academy Manager / Academy Head of Sports Science & MRes Sport & Exercise Course Leader

Role Description:

To assist with delivering and monitoring on-field physical conditioning and gym-based Strength and Conditioning support services to youth players at Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club.

	Criteria	Example evidence required if shortlisted (Do NOT include with the application)*
Qualifications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2:1 minimum, Undergraduate Degree in Sports Science Working towards a UKSCA or NSCA CSCS Accreditation having the ability to obtain within 6 months of being in post Desirable - FA Fitness Trainers Award 	E.g.: Certificate, membership of professional body, academic transcript etc.
Experience	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Experience delivering warm-up, cool-down, flexibility, core strength and stability, speed, agility, sprint training and coaching Olympic weightlifting to a high professional standard. Experience of working in a sporting environment supporting athletes in a Strength and Conditioning Capacity. Experience of how to modify and develop conditioning programmes according to the results of specific needs analysis. 	E.g.: Reference, session plan or log book, Undergraduate project etc.
Personal qualities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A personality that brings a positive impact to our elite environment. Be proactive networking with fellow sports science practitioners sharing information and ideas of how to improve practice. Excellent presentation and communication skills that can motivate behavioural change to have a positive impact on performance. 	E.g.: Testimonial, reference etc.

*Please note all evidence will be checked should you be short-listed for interview

In addition the successful applicant will need to complete a DBS check prior to commencing the bursary placement and MRes Sport & Exercise.



How do I Apply?

The application is a **two stage process**. You must submit **BOTH** stage 1 and stage 2 applications **before the deadline**.

Stage 1: Apply for the MRes Sport & Exercise

To apply for the MRes Sport & Exercise complete the **online application form** as well as upload a suitable **reference and other relevant supporting information**, such as your degree certificate. Please note the **personal statement** section of the application form is a key element of the decision process in determining your suitability for the course so it is imperative you read the information about how to write your personal statement below. Click [here](#) for more information on the MRes Sport & Exercise and access to the online application form via the University website.

HOW TO WRITE YOUR PERSONAL STATEMENT

Your personal statement is a substantial and important part of your application that will be used to determine your eligibility for the course and may distinguish you from other applicants. Your personal statement is read thoroughly by the Admissions Unit and Admissions tutors when your application is being considered.

What makes a good personal statement?

Clear and well written: Your Personal Statement should be clear, well written, well-structured and display good English language skills. It should be organised into paragraphs with an introduction, middle and end.

Provide details of the area of research you wish to pursue whilst studying the MRes Sport & Exercise: Please provide brief details of the area of research you wish to pursue while on the course. The majority of the MRes Sport & Exercise course is focused on independent research therefore the statement should clearly indicate the area of sport and exercise you are interested in studying. You should supply sufficient detail about the aims of your intended research, a rationale for the study and any further details you feel are relevant to conveying your research interest to the admissions tutor.

Only brief explanations are required at this stage as a full proposal will be developed should you be awarded a place on the course.

Explain your reason for applying for the MRes Sport & Exercise: You should focus your personal statement to the MRes Sport & Exercise and it should support your desire to study the course. You should explain your reasons for applying for the course – why would this course suit you? What interests you about the course? You should demonstrate enthusiasm and commitment to the course.

Highlight what you have done to develop knowledge of your chosen area of study: You should detail any jobs, placements, work experience (paid or unpaid) or activities (which could include previous study) that you have undertaken to develop your interest/knowledge in the area that you have chosen to study. This should include the nature of the experience/activities, where you worked/studied and the amount of time you spent there. You should also state when this



experience took place.

When considering the course you are applying to it is important that you identify the personal qualities you possess or have developed, that will contribute to and help you during the course. You should ensure that you identify your personal qualities and transferable skills within your Personal Statement. You should show you have a general knowledge and insight about the subject area you will be studying. How will your present knowledge help you?

Show you have carefully considered your study choice: We would be interested to know how the course relates to your future plans.

Overseas applicants: If you are applying from overseas, your personal statement should also explain your reasons for choosing to study in the UK and why you chose the University of Wolverhampton. Addressing these areas in your personal statement will help you to develop your answers to the questions that you may be asked as part of your visa application interview.

Previous study in the UK: If you have previously studied in the UK and you are applying to study a course at the same or a lower level than your previous course, your personal statement must clearly outline why you wish to study your course and how it will relate and add to your previous qualification from your previous course.

If you will require sponsorship for a Tier 4 Student Visa and the University is not satisfied that your course of study demonstrates satisfactory academic progression we may not be able to proceed with your application.

Changes to personal statements: Once you have submitted your personal statement we will not accept amended versions.

Similarity detection: Your personal statement should be your own work and individual to you. All personal statements are read thoroughly by the Admissions Unit and if similarities are spotted between your personal statement and those from other applicants, your application may be refused.

Stage 2: Apply for the Bursary

For further details about the bursary please see the role descriptor.

Once you have submitted your application for the MRes Sport & Exercise you may apply for the bursary. Please e-mail a copy of your **CV and a cover letter** explaining why you think you are suitable for the bursary to the following email address: sport-enquiries@wlv.ac.uk. Please clearly indicate the reference **MRes WWFC Sport Science** in the title of the email and on your cover letter.

You must submit your application for the bursary prior to the closing date. Applicants subsequently provided with an offer to study the full-time MRes Sport & Exercise will be put forward for shortlisting for the bursary positions. (You do not have to wait for your MRes Sport & Exercise application to be processed before submitting your application for the bursary.)

To be considered for the above bursaries your application for **the MRes Sport & Exercise Science and the bursary must be received by the closing date (midnight Wednesday 13th June 2018)**.



What happens following my application?

Your application for the MRes Sport & Exercise will be processed and you will be informed via our admissions department whether you have been offered a place on the course.

Applicants who have been offered a place on the MRes Sport & Exercise will then have their bursary applications put forward for shortlisting. A short list will be drawn up by University of Wolverhampton and Wolverhampton Wanderers FC staff and those applicants invited for interview.

Interviews for the bursaries are expected to take place: week commencing Monday 23rd July 2018.

For further information about the MRes Sport & Exercise please contact the admissions department:
Tel: 01902 322222, E-mail: enquiries@wlv.ac.uk

To arrange an informal discussion about the bursary please contact the following: sport-enquiries@wlv.ac.uk