

FIRST TEAM PHD STUDENTSHIP (SPORTS SCIENCE)

About the role

A unique opportunity has arisen for an exceptional candidate to complete a Doctorate within the School of Sport, Exercise and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Birmingham in collaboration with Nottingham Forest Football Club related to the science of football. In addition to the completion of the academic requirements for this award the successful candidate will also provide appropriate physical performance training and monitoring as part of the Sports Science and Medical department with the First Team at Nottingham Forest. This position is aimed at providing the successful candidate an opportunity to train to become an applied exercise scientist.

What will you be doing?

The research project is not set however, investigations should focus on sport science and physical performance strategies to assist professional players physical readiness to compete at the elite level. The candidates are expected to have a high level of scientific knowledge around the physical demands of football and have an interest in the tracking and monitoring of physical performance data. They should present their own ideas during the interview process. The successful candidate will work predominantly with the First Team but may also assist with the athletic development programmes and physical testing of Academy players.

Who are we looking for?

The successful candidate will hold a postgraduate degree in sports science (or relevant discipline) from a recognised university. Knowledge of the physiological demands of football including approaches to monitoring and evaluating physical loads is essential. Additionally, experience coaching players is necessary for this role. The candidate must be an excellent role model with extremely high levels of motivation. Experience of handling data and using data visualisation tools (Tableau) are advantageous.

Who should apply?

This is a full time PhD position and is based at Nottingham Forest Football Clubs Training Ground (West Bridgford, Nottingham) often working through the week and at weekends. This role will help develop you as an applied practitioner and researcher within the Sports Science and Medicine industry in High Performance Sport.

Funding

The position will be for a 3-year period subject to satisfactory progress of the individual in the role. Funding will consist of UK full tuition fees for three years and the award of a living stipend at the UK Research Council rate (£18,622 annum pro-rata into 12 monthly payments). Funding will be subject to satisfactory progress.

How to apply

Please submit a covering letter and current CV for the application before 23:59 on 16th June 2023. For any further information, queries and to apply for the role please email Dr Liam Anderson on L.Anderson.4@bham.ac.uk

- **Closing Date: 16th June 2023**
- Interviews to be carried out w/c **3rd July 2023**

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