



**Assistant Professor in Elite Sport Performance**

**School of Health & Human Performance**

**Faculty of Science and Health**

**3-year fixed term post**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Dublin City University**

Dublin City University [www.dcu.ie](http://www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished by both the quality and impact of its graduates and its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. DCU prepares its students well for success in life, and in the workplace, by providing a high-quality, rounded education appropriate to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

Through its mission to transform lives and societies through education, research and innovation, DCU acts as an agent of social, cultural and economic progress. As Ireland's University of Enterprise, it is characterised by a focus on innovation and entrepreneurship and a track-record of effective engagement with the enterprise sector.

**School of Health and Human Performance**

A dynamic and rapidly growing School within the Faculty of Science and Health, the School of Health and Human Performance at DCU is developing an international reputation in health, sport and exercise science and physical education. As such, the School of Health and Human Performance is committed to researching, understanding and disseminating knowledge about exercise and physical activity across the continuum from health to elite sport performance, and to the area of musculoskeletal medicine. The mission of the School is to foster optimum wellness in all phases of the human life cycle through the provision of academic programmes, research and the translation of research into public health or high performance strategies with practical implementation. It aims to achieve this through:

- Pioneering undergraduate and graduate level academic programmes;
- Undertaking research that transcends traditional boundaries leading to enhancement of health, physical performance and quality of life of the citizens of Ireland and beyond;
- Developing a wide range of community-based sport, health-related and injury research programmes;
- Building on our national reputation for excellence for sports performance, preventive medicine, health and physical literacy, and healthy aging across the life course.

The School has already received significant support from the University through the appointment of a range of key academic and support staff and the development of extensive facilities for exercise and sport. As a member of this school you will become part of this multi-disciplinary team. Faculty and postgraduate research students in the School of Health and Human Performance investigate a wide range of topics concerning human movement and education, athletic performance, musculoskeletal medicine and health promotion. The School has a thriving research environment and the candidate must have the ability and desire to achieve excellence in their chosen area.

The School runs the following programmes:

1. BSc in Sports Science and Health [www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/sport-science-and-health](http://www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/sport-science-and-health)
2. BSc in Athletic Therapy and Training [www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/athletic-therapy-and-training](http://www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/athletic-therapy-and-training)
3. BSc in Physical Education with Biology [www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-biology](http://www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-biology)
4. BSc in Physical Education with Mathematics [www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-mathematics](http://www.dcu.ie/courses/undergraduate/shhp/physical-education-mathematics)
5. Professional Doctorate in Elite Performance (Sport) <https://www.dcu.ie/courses/postgraduate/school-health-and-human-performance/professional-doctorate-elite-performance>

The School attracts high calibre students who are offered undergraduate/post graduate teaching, research opportunities and practical placements in industry, in education or in clinical settings according to programme. At the heart of development plans for the University, the School is in unique position for significant growth with the establishment of a new dedicated Health and Human Performance facility planned as part of a new development on campus at DCU.

### **Details of the Role**

A candidate with extensive experience in Elite Sport Performance in a research and applied setting is sought. We encourage applications from candidates in the areas of coaching, sport pedagogy, and applied sport science. The duties and responsibilities associated with this post are described below:

### **Teaching**

The successful post-holder will be required to;

- Develop, design, and deliver blended-learning level 9 and level 10 modules in the area of Elite Performance within the School.
- Contribute to undergraduate and post graduate research supervision within the School.
- Carry out undergraduate and post-graduate lecturing and research supervision as needed by the School in the areas of elite sport performance, coaching, coach development, applied sport science, and sport pedagogy, along with other related areas in health and human performance.
- Supervise students on work placement

### **Broad Contribution**

The post-holder will be expected to undertake administrative functions relating to the activities of the School of Health and Human Performance. These activities, defined by the Head of School, may include

participating in School meetings, carrying out key school administrative or leadership roles at a Faculty or University level, Chairing programmes of study, engaging with essential external stakeholders, actively contributing to advancement of his/her profession at a national level, engaging in meetings related to programmes, and representing the school in marketing and recruitment of students.

### **Research**

The successful post-holder will be required to;

- Pursue his/her research interests in the area of elite sport performance and contribute to the research output of the School by scholarly publications and conference presentations, as well as undergraduate and postgraduate student research supervision;
- Attract and supervise masters and doctoral level students;
- Develop collaborations with the current academic staff and staff in the associated research institutes;
- Develop collaborations with academics, external stakeholders, NGB's and research groups nationally and internationally;
- Secure funding support for his/her research from both internal and external sources.

### **Essential Criteria:**

Applicants must hold the following qualifications:

- A PhD or Professional Doctorate in coaching, sport pedagogy, applied sport science, or a related area

Applicants must be able to demonstrate evidence of;

- Skills and experience in the initiation and management of Level 8, Level 9 and/or Level 10 programmes of study.
- A research and applied portfolio demonstrating scholarship in the theory and application of elite sport performance,
- A current research profile, including publication and a record of graduate student supervision, in the area of elite sport performance.
- Experience of working nationally and internationally with national governing bodies of sport in the field of sport performance, with a recognised portfolio of applied work.
- Experience and achievement reflected in a growing reputation in a research area related to high-performance sport.

### **Mandatory Training**

- The appointee will be required to undertake the following mandatory compliance training: GDPR and Compliance. Other training may need to be undertaken when required.