



Job Title	APPLIED SPORTS SCIENCE PHD STUDENTSHIP / ASSISTANT ACADEMY SPORTS SCIENTIST
Reporting to	HEAD OF ACADEMY SPORTS SCIENCE / ACADEMY MANAGER
Department	ACADEMY SPORTS SCIENCE AND MEDICINE DEPARTMENT
Location	WBA ACADEMY BUILDING, HALFORDS LANE, WEST BROMWICH, B71 4LF
Main Purpose	TO DELIVER THE ACADEMY SPORTS SCIENCE PROGRAMME AND UNDERTAKE AN APPLIED RESEARCH PROJECT
Salary	FUNDING WILL CONSIST OF FULL TUITION FEES FOR THREE YEARS AND THE AWARD OF A LIVING STIPEND AT UK RESEARCH COUNCIL RATES.
Working Hours	FULL TIME POSITION WITH TIME ALLOCATED FOR RESEARCH ACTIVITY (EVENING AND WEEKEND WORK REQUIRED)
Closing Date & Interviews	CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2021, AND SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED FOR INTERVIEW FOLLOWING THIS.

For further information or to apply for this post please send your CV and cover letter to Tom Page on email: vacancies@wbafc.co.uk

THE PLACEMENT

An exciting opportunity has arisen to undertake a fully funded applied PhD Studentship in conjunction with the University of Birmingham and West Bromwich Albion FC. The purpose of this role is to combine postgraduate research with the development of practitioner based applied sport science skills developed through assisting in the delivery of the sport science and medical programme at the Academy at West Bromwich Albion FC. The position will be for a 3-year period subject to the satisfactory progress of the individual in the role.

As part of the Academy Sports Science & Medicine team and as a doctoral student, the key responsibilities of this role are:

- To plan and complete a programme of research suitable for a PhD related to football performance.
- Engage with a programme of applied sport science related training associated with the development of relevant competencies for applied practice within elite football.
- Assist in the support of the delivery of the Academy performance plan in areas such as: Nutrition, data collection, management and analysis, development and delivery of on-pitch and gym-based training sessions, regular performance testing and associated interpretation and reporting of results, and attendance at selected games and training camps.

- To fulfil the academic, professional, and personal requirements associated with the completion of tasks linked to the completion of doctoral level postgraduate research and the role of a practitioner in elite football .
- The carry out all responsibilities with due regard to the Club values and all policies and procedures, in particular Health & Safety, Equality and Diversity and Safeguarding
- To undertake all required training, including mandatory Club Equality and Diversity, Safeguarding and Health and Safety training.
- Keep up to date with new methods and undertake any necessary internal or external training sessions in accordance with Company Policies and Procedures.

The duties and responsibilities described are not a comprehensive list and that additional tasks may be assigned to the employee from time to time; or the scope of the job may change as necessitated by business demands

THE CANDIDATE	
Essential	Desirable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of working in the elite sporting environment • BSc in Sport Science or related field • Excellent written and verbal communication skills • Team player • Positive attitude • Desire to improve young athletes • Two satisfactory references from previous employers & DBS check • Energy and enthusiasm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate qualification in Sport Science or related field • Experience of working in academy football • Demonstrate activity related to accreditation with a professional body relevant to sport and exercise science • An interest in delivery of nutrition education, advice and interventions with parents, players and staff • Knowledge of LTAD frameworks • Experience using PMA • Experience using GPS • Knowledge of the EPPP requirements • Extensive sport science delivery experience

Equality and Diversity

West Bromwich Albion FC is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to provide equality and fairness for all employees and opposes all forms of unlawful and unfair discrimination and positively encourages applications from suitably qualified and eligible candidates regardless of sex, race, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief, marital status or pregnancy and maternity.

West Bromwich Albion Football Club also welcomes applications from suitably qualified members of the armed forces family.

Safer Recruitment

West Bromwich Albion is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk, therefore expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

WBA's Safeguarding, Equality and Whistleblowing policies can be accessed here
<https://www.wba.co.uk/club/about-us/club-policies>

An Enhanced DBS check and references will be carried out prior to appointment in post.