

Jobhunting for Sports Students

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This information has been written with the needs of final year students and graduates in mind; it may, however, also be useful for students seeking part-time and vacation work.

Websites with sport-related vacancies

www.leisureopportunities.co.uk	Extensive vacancies, including health club and attractions sections
www.bases.org.uk	British Association of Sport and Exercise Science. Academic/sports science related jobs, studentships and internships. Good careers information.
www.jobswithballs.com	Sport and Leisure sector jobs. Useful A-Z of their clients
www.leisurework.com	Sport and Leisure sector jobs
www.jobsgopublic.com	Public sector jobs
www.lqjobs.com	Local government jobs
www.leisurejobs.com	
www.uksport.gov.uk/vacancies	Range of jobs, including Governing Bodies, marketing and sports admin
www.eis2win.co.uk	English Institute of Sport. Click on 'Careers'

Specialised Recruitment Agencies

www.onestoprecruitment.co.uk	www.sportsrecruitment.co.uk
www.4leisurerecruitment.co.uk	www.fitnesslinksltd.com
www.jobsin sport.co.uk	www.activeconnection.co.uk

Please note that MMU Careers Service does not specifically recommend any of the above agencies.

Other Jobhunting Strategies

Many vacancies will be advertised somewhere, whether it be with a recruitment agency, on a website, in the general or specialised press or on social networking sites such as Facebook Twitter and LinkedIn.

Most organisations display their vacancies on their own websites, including local government, the NHS and the commercial health and fitness sector. Access the websites of organisations which interest you on a regular basis to browse for vacancies. Enter these on your favourites list, or bookmark them in some other way so that they are always to hand.

Local government addresses are usually in the [www.\(name\).gov.uk](http://www.(name).gov.uk) format, e.g. www.staffordshire.gov.uk , but you can find links to all local authorities from the www.direct.gov.uk website. Jobs in the NHS can be searched on www.jobs.nhs.uk, which also contains links to local NHS trust websites. Governing Bodies of Sport can be linked to from http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/recognised_sports.aspx. Some other useful Web addresses follow.

Health and Fitness Chains

L.A. Fitness	www.lafitness.co.uk
Spirit	www.spirit-fit.com
Topnotch	http://www.topnotchhealthclubs.com
Livingwell	http://www.livingwell.com
Esporta	http://www.esporta.co.uk
Holmes Place	http://www.holmesplace.com
Total Fitness	http://www.totalfitness.co.uk
Virgin Active	http://virginactive.co.uk
David Lloyd	http://www.davidlloydleisure.co.uk
Bannatyne	http://www.bannatyne.co.uk/fitness/
Fitness First	http://www.fitnessfirst.co.uk

Contractors for Local Authority provision

Parkwood Leisure	http://www.leisure-centre.com
Leisure Connection	http://www.leisureconnection.co.uk
DC Leisure Management	http://www.dcleisure.co.uk

Private Health Services

Sometimes have vacancies specifically for Sports Scientists, e.g. physiologist, health adviser. Nuffield Health now has a range of services from hospitals to fitness centres.

Nuffield	http://www.nuffieldhealth.com
BUPA	http://www.bupa.co.uk/careers

Consider speculative applications using a CV and covering letter. See 'How to' downloads on this and on Networking at www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/guides or information at www.prospects.ac.uk/careers.htm or www.targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice.

MMU Careers and Employability Service offer a range of workshops at www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/events. You can also discuss your plans or get your CV/application form/covering letter checked by a careers adviser. For contact details and appointment times, see <http://www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/students-and-graduates/book-appointments.php>.