



## JOB ADVERT

### Lead Academy Sports Scientist

<b>Employer:</b>	Watford Football Club
<b>Job Title:</b>	Lead Academy Sports Scientist
<b>Salary:</b>	Dependent on qualifications and experience
<b>Location:</b>	Watford Football Club - Training Ground, London Colney
<b>Type:</b>	Permanent Full Time
<b>Passport/Visa:</b>	Must be eligible to work in the UK
<b>Closing Date:</b>	12.00 noon 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2020

An exciting opportunity has become available within the Academy at Watford Football Club. We are currently looking to recruit a Lead Academy Sports Scientist. The successful candidate will work as part of a multi-disciplinary support team delivering scientific support to academy players and coaches.

Duties will involve:

- the design and deliver a scientifically robust fitness testing, physiological, and training load monitoring system across all academy age groups. Providing relevant, appropriate feedback to players, coaches and parents and / or guardians in a time efficient manner with the primary focus being on health, wellbeing and performance enhancement.
- to deliver a scientifically, age appropriate sports nutrition support programme for all academy players.
- to work with academy coaches to understand and integrate their philosophy within the delivery of scientific and strength and conditioning support.
- to lead the design and delivery of a relevant sport science education programmes that educates players, coaches and parents and / or guardians. Where appropriate identify and facilitate appropriate communication methods, including workshops and seminars.

The role will be based at the clubs training ground in London Colney and will include working across all Academy ages, (U9's to U23).

The successful candidate will enjoy working as part of a team, be enthusiastic and hardworking, and be flexible to the requirements of the position.

Applicants should ideally live local to Watford/London Colney or the surrounding areas and be UK/EU residents or non-residents with a valid UK work permit.

**You must have:**

- Bachelor's degree (minimum of upper second class) in Sport and Exercise Science or a sports related discipline.
- FA First aid and or Basic First Aid for Sport Qualification.
- FA Safeguarding certificate
- Have extensive experience of working in a sport science setting with elite young athletes.
- 3-5 years' experience of working in a football academy setting

- Be able to work effectively in a team environment and operate effectively as part of a multidisciplinary support team.
- This role will have regular contact with children, and it is therefore required by law to have a DBS Enhanced Criminal Record Check with children's barred list check.
- Full UK driving licence or ability to travel various locations due to the demands of the role

**You would ideally have, but not vital:**

- Minimum of 12 months experience with 1<sup>st</sup> team, at the professional level'
- Master's degree in Sport and Exercise Science or a related discipline
- Excellent communication skills
- Excellent organisational and time management skills
- The ability to work effectively under own initiative and also as a member of a team
- Hands on approach with a can-do attitude
- Ability to multi-task in a fast pace ever changing environment
- Ability to remain calm under pressure.
- Ability to anticipate and prioritise workload.

The necessary Disclosure and Barring Service check will apply to this post.

For the full job profile, please contact HR Admin at [hradmin@watfordfc.com](mailto:hradmin@watfordfc.com)

**Equal Opportunities:**

We are dedicated to fostering a diverse and dynamic working environment by building a team that represents a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and skills. We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

**Application process:**

1. Please download and complete an application form located on the Club website under the career section (Club/ Careers) [www.watfordfc.com/club/careers](http://www.watfordfc.com/club/careers)
2. Please send completed application form, cover letter detailing why you would be suitable for the role, a copy of all relevant qualifications, right to work in the UK documents and your CV via email to [hradmin@watfordfc.com](mailto:hradmin@watfordfc.com) or by post to HR Admin, Watford Football Club, Vicarage Road Stadium, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD18 0ER.