

# JOB ADVERT – GB NATIONAL TENNIS ACADEMY @ The University of Stirling

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## GB NATIONAL TENNIS ACADEMY PERFORMANCE COACH

Salary: Competitive + attractive unique benefits package (subject to experience)

Contract Type: Permanent

Location: Scottish National Tennis Centre, University of Stirling

Closing date: 3pm on Friday 10 May 2019

### Introduction

Tennis Scotland is excited to operate a new National Academy at the University of Stirling, a crucial part of the vision to make Britain one of the most respected nations in the world for player development. The central Scottish location is unique and at the centre of our tennis development plans via the University of Stirling, **sportscotland** institute of sport and our National Player Programme.

### Key Functions

The 10 year Performance Strategy focuses on creating a seamless pathway for champions that nurtures people, teams and leaders. The long term plan provides a clear journey from Mini Red to major tournament success. Scotland will now deliver the complete junior pathway for the first time.

The National Academy provides bespoke programmes for players normally between the ages of 13-18 years old, with the first cohort of players arriving in August 2019. The National Academy is a significant transition point in the player pathway, with the most talented juniors from all over Britain relocating to Stirling for an environment which will deliver a pro-style, inter-disciplinary training environment tailored specifically to prepare players for the demands of pro tennis.

Tennis Scotland, together with partners University of Stirling, **sportscotland** institute of sport and Dollar Academy will plan and deliver a programme that provides a level of coaching and service provision that sets new standards within the sport and that transforms the development of future British champions - as players and people.

The National Academy allows Scotland to build on an impressive track record of success at the highest levels including the momentous achievements of Andy and Jamie Murray, in addition to Colin Fleming, Gordon Reid and Elena Baltacha and Scottish coaches Leon Smith and Judy Murray, current and former GB Davis and Fed Cup Captains respectively. Nearby Dunblane, the home of the Murray's, has been a significant part of the British tennis history over the last decade.

This post together with the considerable quality of life benefits of central Scotland creates a unique opportunity for the right candidate who has the ambition to make a difference. The University of Stirling is situated between the Ochil Hills and the Wallace Monument and Stirling Castle, next to Bridge of Allan, a picturesque village between Dunblane and Stirling. The Airthrey Loch and Airthrey Castle are at the heart of the idyllic 330 acre parkland

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university campus, which is regularly described as one of the most beautiful in the world. The University of Stirling designated as Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence by Scottish Government, boasting some of the best sports facilities in the UK, which are also benefitting from an additional £20m capital redevelopment project over the next two years.

Similarly partner school Dollar Academy, is situated in beautiful countryside, boasting a 200 year history as one of Scotland's largest and best performing schools. The school are keen to welcome and support children of staff relocating to the National Academy alongside a rounded and rewarding benefits package.

The role will suit an ambitious world class coach who can see the significant opportunities being involved at the start of the project helping to shape and develop a new GB National Academy. The Head Coach will be an integral part of the new team at Tennis Scotland driving change and delivering outcomes for Scotland and Great Britain. A person with outstanding leadership credentials, passion and a performance track record of developing players to tour level.

### To Apply

For an informal, confidential discussion about this role, enquiries should be made by email to either Leo Azevedo, [leo.azevedo@tennisscotland.org](mailto:leo.azevedo@tennisscotland.org) or Jason Atkins, Head of Operations [jason.atkins@tennisscotland.org](mailto:jason.atkins@tennisscotland.org)

If you are interested in the role, please email your CV and a covering letter, which outlines how you meet the requirements of the role, to Blane Dodds, Tennis Scotland Chief Executive, [blane.dodds@tennisscotland.org](mailto:blane.dodds@tennisscotland.org) prior to the deadline of 3pm on Friday 10 May 2019. Interviews will be in Stirling on 16 May 2019. Tennis Scotland is committed to selecting staff solely on the basis of their ability to do the job for which they are being recruited, and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community. Tennis Scotland is committed to equality and diversity in the workplace. Please click this link to complete the Tennis Scotland Equality Monitoring Survey which can be found [here](#).

The closing date for applications is **Friday 10 May at 3pm**. To assist with the recruitment process; please title your email with the Job position and your name.