



UNIVERSITY & TERTIARY SPORT
NEW ZEALAND



FISU
WORLD
UNIVERSITY
GAMES
SUMMER

POSITION DESCRIPTION: PHYSIOTHERAPIST

EVENT	FISU Summer World University Games - Rhine-Ruhr 2025
EVENT DATES	16 – 27 July, 2025
TEAM	New Zealand World University Games Team
REPORTS TO	Sports Doctor and Chef de Mission/Team Leader

University and Tertiary Sport New Zealand (UTSNZ) is seeking expressions of interest from qualified and experienced physiotherapists to service and support the New Zealand team at the 2025 FISU Summer World University Games (WUG).

Overview

The FISU Summer WUG is a high-level multi-sport competition, second in size only to the Summer Olympic Games. Many of the student-athletes represent New Zealand at the top level of their sport or are on the pathway to elite international representation. The 2025 WUG will be held in Rhine-Ruhr in Germany with the opening ceremony scheduled for 16 July and the closing ceremony on 27 July.

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It is anticipated that the New Zealand team will be competing in the following sports:

Archery, Artistic Gymnastics, Athletics, 3x3 Basketball, Diving, Fencing, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Rowing, Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Beach Volleyball and Water Polo.

Official event website: <https://rhineruhr2025.com/en>

New Zealand Delegation

UTSNZ is the sole sanctioning body responsible for identifying, selecting and organising NZ teams and individuals to attend the FISU World University Games. UTSNZ works with relevant National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) to achieve its WUSGs targets.

NSOs are responsible for the setting of team and individual sports' selection criteria, which are then ratified by UTSNZ.

Sports specific team managers and coaches will also be identified and selected by NSOs.

Roles and Responsibilities

The role of all medical personnel will be to provide high level medical support through the Team Clinic in their specific area of professional expertise. Medical personnel may also be required to work closely with medical officials appointed by national sporting organisation (NSOs) who will have primary responsibility in providing medical support to the specific sport or team at training and competition.

UTSNZ aims to appoint a medical support team of 1 Sports Doctor and 1-2 Physiotherapists to support the performance of the New Zealand team. The final number of professionals will

depend on team size and selections. UTSNZ seeks medical professionals who are flexible, resilient, reliable, competent, trustworthy, and able to maintain confidentiality.

Physiotherapist Duties

The following duties will be required by physiotherapists:

- Provide physiotherapy services to New Zealand athletes within and outside of the Athlete Village locations, including supporting any individual NSO appointed medical staff.
- Follow team management direction and contribute to the overall success and welfare of the team.
- Work in a professional and collaborative manner to ensure successful outcomes for both individual athletes and the team.
- Adhere to team policies, procedures, and processes, and work in a manner that minimises exposure to risk.
- Be flexible and prepared to take on responsibilities outside of the prescribed role.

Collaboration and Reporting Structure

The New Zealand team is led by a Chef de Mission (Head of Delegation) and all physiotherapists are expected to work collaboratively with other members of the broader team, including the team Sports Doctor, to ensure comprehensive and integrated care for the New Zealand team. The Sports Doctor holds the ultimate responsibility for overseeing the medical and rehabilitation processes and will provide direction and guidance on all matters related to New Zealand team members' health and recovery. Physiotherapists must adhere to the Sport Doctors directives and work in alignment with the overall medical strategy set by the Sport Doctor and HoD.

Participation fee

The FISU World University Summer Games participation fee is fully covered by UTSNZ. This includes return flights from New Zealand to Germany, accommodation, meals, ground transport, dress uniform and insurance. Please note there will be no financial remuneration unless agreed with UTSNZ.

Position Requirements

- Demonstrated experience providing physiotherapy services to representative-level athletes, preferably across a range of sporting disciplines.
- Demonstrated experience in travelling with teams to national or international competitions.
- Proven ability to work in a high-performance team environment, including collaboration with other health professionals, athletes, and team management.
- Currently or recently working within New Zealand's high-performance sporting system, preferably with sports within the FISU World University Summer Games programme.

- Commitment to being flexible, resilient, reliable, competent, trustworthy, and maintaining confidentiality.
- High standard of organisational and administrative skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Qualifications and Accreditations

- Registered member of NZ Society of Physiotherapists (NZSP).
- Current holder of an Annual Practising Certificate (APC) and have held one for at least 3 years.
- Professional indemnity with a recognised provider of medical insurance e.g. MDU, MPS.

Tenure of Post

- The tenure of this post is from appointment through to one month post the end of the Games, (to allow for completion of post Games reporting).
- Physiotherapist will be required to be in Germany for the duration of the event (approx. 14 days).
- The applicant would need to be available to fly out to Germany on approx. Wed 16th July and return approximately 28th July.

How to Apply

- Submit a letter and CV to UTSNZ demonstrating how you meet the position requirements above.
- Include the names and contact details of two referees (referees will be contacted before interviews).
- Applications must be submitted via email to UTSNZ at info@utsnz.co.nz by 5 PM, Friday 28th February.

Alternatively, if you wish to discuss the role further and find out more, feel free to contact UTSNZ Executive Director Sarah Anderson, sarah.anderson@utsnz.co.nz, 027 3598807.