



Assistant Coach, Men's Hockey Athletics

Professional/Non-Union
Regular Full-Time

Overview

St. Francis Xavier University, one of Canada's leading universities and most prominent athletics programs, is seeking a Men's Hockey Assistant Coach to join our passionate varsity athletics program. Reporting to the Head Coach, Men's Hockey and the Director of Athletics & Recreation, the Assistant Coach will work under the supervision of the Head Coach providing assistance in coaching, recruiting and administrative duties. Additionally, on a part-time basis, the incumbent will teach the hockey activity course in our Human Kinetics Department.

The successful candidate will be an inspiring individual with high ethical and moral standards who will promote values-based sport and comply with all AUS, U SPORTS and STFX University regulations and policies. The men's hockey assistant coach is expected to represent STFX University to the highest standards of personal and professional conduct, done in a context where we commit to providing the premier student-athlete experience in Canada, which focuses on developing and inspiring Leaders & Champions in academics, athletics, citizenship and leadership. This position requires extensive hockey knowledge and expertise and candidates must be working towards their NCCP High Performance 1 coaching certification.

Key Responsibilities

Assigned by the Head Coach include, but not limited to:

- Team selection, tactical and technical preparation, practice planning, individual skill development, scouting, game and practice video coding and analysis;
- Assisting in the development and implementation of a national recruitment plan while playing a key role in recruiting student-athletes to STFX University;
- Provide administrative support to the Head Coach including attending and conducting meetings, coordinating team travel and ticketing logistics; helping coordinate community initiatives, and other tasks related to the management of the varsity program;
- Provide the primary lead on organizing and managing youth summer hockey camps, spring development camps and power skating camps;
- Assist in the development of strategies to engage alumni and supporters while enhancing fundraising initiatives for X-Men Hockey, including the annual golf scramble and media guide partnerships;
- Collaborate with Athletic Department staff to develop and implement plans for marketing, social media engagement, alumni relations, student engagement and revenue generation in support of X-Men Hockey;
- Work in partnership with members of the Integrated Support Team to support student-athlete performance in the areas of skill development, sports performance, therapy and recovery, mental performance, sports nutrition and academic success.
- Attend meetings, staff retreats and complete other departmental tasks as necessary.

Qualifications

- Undergraduate degree preferred;
- Development towards completion of NCCP High Performance 1 coaching certification;
- Previous experience coaching at the university level or coaching elite hockey athletes is highly desirable;

- Must possess strong communication and motivational skills, be organized, reliable and bondable;
- Proven ability to elicit and foster trust, develop positive and professional working relationships within a team environment;
- Demonstrated proficiency in computer use, coaching tactics, recruitment practices, and video analysis software;
- A flexible approach to work is required as attendance is required at evening practices and games, as well as an ability to travel with the team on weekends;
- Successful completion of all STFX and AUS safe sport requirements and certifications.

Application Instructions

Closing date for applications is June 30, 2023 at 1:00 pm. To apply please submit a letter of application and a resume in confidence to **Human Resources, StFX University** at careers@stfx.ca. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

St. Francis Xavier University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

Our institution is committed to upholding the values of equity, diversity, inclusion and accessibility. We encourage applications from members of groups that have been historically disadvantaged and marginalized, including Indigenous persons (especially Mi'kmaq), racialized persons (especially African Nova Scotians), persons with disabilities, those who identify as women and/or 2SLGBTQIA+ and any others who would contribute to the diversity of our community. Please note that all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, applications from Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority.

We are also committed to the elimination of barriers to participation for persons with disabilities. Should you require an accommodation during the recruitment process, please contact Human Resources at hr@stfx.ca or 902-867-5038.

About St. Francis Xavier University

Established in 1853, St. Francis Xavier University (StFX) is consistently recognized as one of the best universities in Canada. StFX exceeds the needs of today's undergraduates through providing the very best academic experience -- outstanding teaching, exceptional hands-on research opportunities, and global exchanges -- all within Canada's most vibrant and inspiring residential campus. Here, the focus is on the academic and the personal development of every student, making community and social engagement a large part of the learning experience. Our students are academically strong and highly engaged in every aspect of life, determined to make a positive impact on the world.

In 2022, Maclean's annual university rankings put StFX #1 in student satisfaction and #2 in reputation across Canada in the primarily undergraduate category. For more, visit www.stfx.ca

About Antigonish, Nova Scotia

The beautiful and historic town of Antigonish is located within the northeastern corner of Nova Scotia. Only a 15-minute drive from the ocean and a two-hour drive to major urban centres, Antigonish is a family-friendly community with a diverse and growing population and provides access to excellent education at all levels. The town is surrounded by rolling countryside and beautiful beaches and is a hotspot for outdoor recreation, sports and other active lifestyle activities. Antigonish supports a vibrant culture in the arts with music, performing arts, visual arts and crafts, and fabulous festivals happening throughout the year.

For more information visit www.townofantigonish.ca or www.visitantigonish.ca.