

HARTPURY WOMEN'S RUGBY



STUDENTSHIP MSC SPORTS COACHING

Are you an aspiring rugby coach with big ambitions and a passion for developing female athletes? Do you want to learn, grow, and contribute to one of the most successful educational rugby environments in the UK?

This is your chance to be part of something exceptional.

The Hartpury Women's Rugby Academy is offering four outstanding Postgraduate Studentships for the 2026-27 academic year. Designed for motivated, forward-thinking coaches who want to make a significant contribution to the female elite rugby pathway at Hartpury College and University.



This unique opportunity provides a place on the Hartpury University MSc Sports Coaching degree, with a funding contribution towards course fees, studied over one or two years, enabling you to immerse yourself fully in both your academic and coaching development.

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STUDENTSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

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- Contributing to coaching delivery, including training sessions, performance analysis, and match-day support
- Working across our successful College and BUCS rugby programmes
- Supporting recruitment and raising awareness of Hartpury Rugby internally and externally
- Collaborating with senior management on training plans, fixture preparation, and squad selection
- Assisting with programme administration
- Completing a postgraduate research project aligned to our strategic direction, helping shape the future of our Sports Academy provision.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

We are seeking coaches who bring energy, curiosity, and a positive mindset. Ideally, you will have:

- A 2:2 undergraduate degree in sports coaching, sports science, or a related field (open to discussion)
- A Level 2 rugby coaching qualification (or equivalent experience) – this can be discussed further at interview
- Coaching and/or playing experience in rugby
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to deliver engaging sessions and build positive relationships

BENEFITS

- Part-funded MSc Sports Coaching tuition (one or two years)
- Immersion in one of the UK's most successful educational rugby programmes
- Access to world-class coaching, performance analysis, and sports science facilities
- Networking opportunities with professional and semi-professional clubs, coaches, and players across the country and internationally
- Full access to HUDL performance analysis
- Gym membership, staff kit, and free parking
- Membership of the Postgraduate Studentship Group, offering CPD, shared learning, reflective practice, and ongoing support

To apply for the Postgraduate Studentship: Please scan the QR Code and complete the application form

To inquire further into this Studentship: mike.hall@hartpury.ac.uk

Closing date: Monday 27th April 2026

