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## **JOB OPPORTUNITY:**

### **Sport Scientist with Olympic Handball Ireland (OHI)**

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Duration: Sep 2025 – Aug 2026

Salary: 18,000 € (external contract, approximately 0.7 Full-time Equivalent - FTE)

**Research topic/area: Injury Surveillance in Female and Male Handball Players**

#### **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:**

- BSc in Sport Science, Exercise Science, Physiology or related field
- Understanding of injury surveillance and data management systems
- Understanding of national and international Handball competitions, federations, leagues and competitions
- Understanding of game of Handball requirements and ability to regularly monitor national and international OHI competitions
- Interest in Handball and research
- Experience in creating short videos, reporting research data clearly and effectively
- Experience in creating research progress reports

#### **DESIRABLE CRITERIA:**

- MSc in BSc in Sport Science, Exercise Science, Physiology or related field
- Experience at national and international scientific conferences (presentations, abstracts or similar)
- Data analysis and presentation

#### **SUPERVISORS:**

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#### SHORT DESCRIPTION OF RESEARCH:

Olympic Handball has one of the highest injury rates among team sports, consistently ranking in the top eight Olympic sports for injury incidence according to multiple International Olympic Committee (IOC) reports. The fast-paced nature of handball involves rapid movements over short distances and sharp changes in direction. These dynamic demands place players at risk of various injuries affecting both the upper and lower limbs. Muscle injuries, such as strains and tears, are common due to high accelerations and powerful shots required during gameplay.

#### OTHER DUTIES REQUIRED:

- Attend specific OHI competitions/games if required
- Present research topic and details to all relevant OHI stakeholders
- Presenting at national and international conferences agreed with supervisors

#### TO APPLY:

Please email 1 PDF file containing:

CV (max 2 pages, single spaced, font size 10 or 12) and Cover Letter (max 1 page, single spaced, font size 10 or 12). Please follow these instructions when preparing your document.

**By hour 23:59 on day 24/08/2025**

To: [joao@olympichandball.org](mailto:joao@olympichandball.org) including “OHI Sport Scientist 2025” in the subject line

#### INTERVIEWS:

will be held on-line (on Zoom platform on week commencing 25/08/2025). (Approximate duration of interview per candidate 20-30 minutes)