

Call for Papers: Submit Your Research to the UK Coaching Research Journal

We are thrilled to announce the relaunch of the UK Coaching Research Journal, a peer-reviewed platform dedicated to advancing evidence-based research in coaching. Set to launch in January 2025, the journal aims to engage and inspire coaches and the wider coaching workforce to connect with, utilise, and contribute to vital research in the field of coaching. We warmly invite authors to submit papers that align with the themes of our 2025 editions. Of particular interest are submissions from early career researchers, who can highlight their status in their paper submissions.



Overview of the Journal's Aims

Vision

The UK Coaching Research Journal aspires to be the primary resource for up-to-date, evidence-based insights that are both practical and relevant to coaches. We aim to establish UK Coaching as a valuable bridge between coaches and researchers.

Features

- Accessible language and easy searchability.
- Engaging, interactive, and stimulating content.
- Open access for individual articles.

- Each journal article will be complemented by a podcast – featuring interviews with researchers and practitioners to elaborate on research findings and how they can be applied.
- Each article will be followed by sense-making sessions run by UK Coaching team members to foster discussions on the research and its applications.
- Connections to UK Coaching content and various products, services, and campaigns.

About the Journal

Our journal is committed to demonstrating how great coaching can transform lives. It serves as a bridge between academic research and practical application. Since its inception in February 2018, the Applied Coaching Research Journal has strived to elevate coaching research and promote valuable dialogue between practitioners and researchers.

Audience

Our readership includes coaches, coach educators, and developers, as well as individuals who employ or collaborate with coaches. Additionally, students, researchers, and academics may find the content appealing.

Content Themes

We welcome articles that showcase the impact of coaching, inspire the coaching sector, address challenges, and provide actionable solutions. Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

1. Coach care, diversity and inclusion, and ethical practice.
2. Community coach development and sustaining coach growth.
3. Leadership within the coaching ecosystem and building influential relationships.
4. Innovations in coach learning and assessment.
5. Early career researchers – ‘UK Coaching Introducing’.

Types of Articles

We invite submissions from both novice and experienced authors. The following formats are encouraged:

- Research articles (2,000 words).
- Research summaries (up to 1,000 words).
- Literature reviews (2,000 words).
- Thought pieces or critical reflections (2,000 words).
- Reviews of books, journals, articles, or events (up to 1,000 words).
- Discussions or interviews (1,000–2,000 words).

Preparation Requirements

Please ensure your article submission includes:

- The full name, organisation, and contact details of all authors.
- A designated corresponding author.
- Submissions in Microsoft Word.
- An abstract (approximately 100 words) and around six keywords.
- Any figures or images with appropriate titles and descriptions.
- Harvard style referencing.

Submission Checklist

This checklist is to assist you before submission:

- All authors' names and contact details included.
- Corresponding author identified.
- Written in Word format with specified font and spacing.
- Abstract and keywords provided.
- Figures and tables included with titles.
- Spelling and grammar checked.
- Written for a practitioner/non-academic audience.
- References formatted according to journal guidelines.
- Permission secured for any copyrighted materials.

Submission Deadlines and Publication Schedule

We welcome submissions year-round, but please submit your articles at least three months before the desired publication date. Our publication and submission dates for 2025 are as follows:

- **Winter Edition:** January 2025 publication
Submission deadline 31 October 2024
- **Spring Edition:** April 2025 publication
Submission deadline 31 January 2025
- **Summer Edition:** July 2025 publication
Submission deadline 30 April 2025
- **Autumn Edition:** October 2025 publication
Submission deadline 31 July 2025

Final Call to Action

We encourage all interested authors to contribute to the UK Coaching Research Journal. For further information or to submit your article, please contact the research team at UK Coaching via email at: ResearchTeam@ukcoaching.org. Join us in transforming lives through the power of Great Coaching!

Harvard Style guide

Referencing Citations in text should follow a Harvard style.

- Always use “and” between names in a reference, not “&”.
- If there are three or more authors in a reference, use the first name followed by “et al”.
- If your references include an author who has published more than one piece of work in the same year, distinguish these by using a, b etc.

Examples include:

- Becker (2013) recommends...
- ...is the most important factor (Scott et al, 2019).
- ...as identified by Cronin and Armour (2018).
- Several studies (eg Smith, 2018a, 2018b, Walker et al, 2018) highlight...

Your reference list should be arranged alphabetically and then further sorted chronologically if necessary.

Examples include:

- Book: Cronin, C., and Armour, K. (2018) *Care in Sport Coaching: Pedagogical Cases*. London: Routledge.
- Conference paper or presentation: Scott, M., Whitaker, L., and Foreman, C. (2019) *CoPs on camera: Setting up and evaluating a community of practice for sport coaches*. UK Coaching Applied Coaching Research Conference, 19 February, Derby.
- Edited work: Becker, A. (2013) Quality coaching behaviours. In P. Potrac, W. Gilbert., & J. Denison, (eds). *Routledge Handbook of Sports Coaching*. London: Routledge, pp. 184-195.
- Journal article: Walker, L.F., Thomas, R and Driska, A.P. (2018) Informal and nonformal learning for sport coaches: A systematic review. *International Journal of Sport Science & Coaching*, 103 (5): 694-707.
- Website/online article: Sport England. (2016) Towards an active nation: Strategy 2016-2021 [online]. Available from: <https://www.sportengland.org/media/10629/sportengland-towards-an-active-nation.pdf> [Accessed 12 July, 2019].