

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

IOC Olympic Solidarity
Scholarship available!

Nippon Sport Science University (NSSU) and
the International Council for Coaching Excellence (ICCE) are pleased to invite applications for the
2025-2026 NSSU-ICCE Coach Developer Program
6 -12 July 2025 and 15-21 February 2026 in Tokyo, Japan

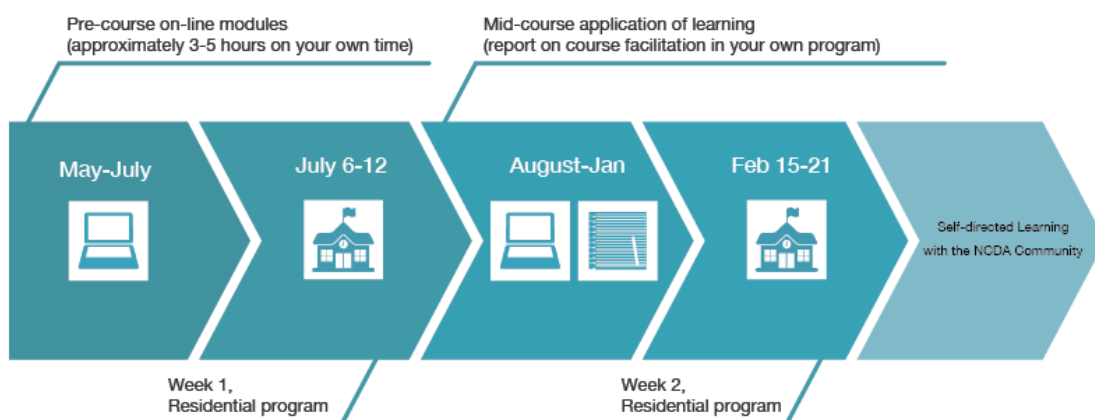
“COACH DEVELOPERS develop, support and challenge coaches to improve their knowledge and skills
to provide positive and effective sport experiences for all participants.”
(International Coach Developer Framework, ICCE, 2014)

We invite 12 practitioners working across the sporting contexts (national and international sporting federations, coaching organizations, and universities) to join our 2025–2026 program and:

- Become part of a global network of coach developers striving to enhance the quality of coaching at all levels
- Develop your skills in facilitation, supporting coaches in the field, program design and mentoring
- Improve your coach education programs, your coaches, and your coaching system

Run by the NSSU Coach Developer Academy (NCSA), the Coach Developer Program offers a blended learning experience that is divided into two broad parts; the on-campus residential component and the remote component. The on-campus residential component consists of two one-week residencies at NSSU in Tokyo (both are compulsory) and include a mixture of workshops, seminars, discussion groups and practical work. The remote component consists of packages of E-modules and online support aimed at helping coach developers utilise and implement skills gained on and through the program when working with real coaches back in their organizations.

Programme timeline



Voices from the past cohort

Sibusiso Keketsi: Ministry of Gender, Youth, Sport and Recreation, Lesotho

“NCSA is one of those programs that takes one from a comfort zone, I felt so blessed to be granted an opportunity to join this program. Coming from a country without coaching framework, this was the most difficult task as I could not imagine how it will be possible to implement in my country, I felt stretched but thanks to the great facilitators who showed me a light, they are always willing to assist, even after sessions, there are there to clarify whatever the challenge one may have and at the end of the program I came back to Lesotho as a different animal, equipped with all the necessary tools to overcome the challenges and contributing in the development of sport as a whole.”



Paula Korsakas (Brazil, Instituto Reação)

“Participating in the NCSA was one of the most life changing experiences for me. In the NCSA I had privilege to “dive into” a friendly and collaborative environment, and learn from brilliant and yet humble professionals from all over the world who have been dedicating their lives and expertise to improve the sport experience for all. Beyond a fantastic professional exchange, taking part in the NCSA means to engage in a lasting international coach developers network, a real collective wisdom community. I am forever grateful for the chance to be part of the NCSA family, for all that I have learned, for the friends I am already missing and for the unparalleled hospitality of our Japanese hosts from Nittaidai!”



Costs and fees

1. Program Fee: 6,750 USD

The program fee includes:

- The educational programs during two residential weeks and pre-, between- and post-online activities
- Professional and cultural activities during the two residential weeks.
- Educational materials including course handbooks and e-modules
- Assessment and certification
- Accommodation and meals at the NSSU Setagaya Guesthouse in twin rooms shared with other participants

2. Other costs: all applicants are responsible for travel expense to NSSU for the two residential weeks, visa expense to enter Japan, international travel insurance covering Japan, and other personal expenses not covered in the program fee.

IOC-Olympic Solidarity scholarship

Applicants can contact their National Olympic Committee (NOC) to apply for a scholarship covering the program fees and the travel expenses (airfare and visa costs). This process can be carried out simultaneously with the NCDA program application. The two procedures are independent but mandatory. The scholarship allocation by Olympic Solidarity is not automatic and will depend on several factors (e.g. acceptance into the program, budget availability, etc.).

Application process

1. Applications can be made electronically through our secure application system below.
2. The call for applications will close at 5pm GMT on 3rd April 2025.
3. Applications will be submitted to the NCDA selection committee for shortlisting. Interviews over zoom may be conducted if clarifications are required.
4. Notification to candidates (both successful and unsuccessful) will be made via email by early May 2025.

*For a complete application, applicants are required to submit 5 documents: Cover letter, Resume/CV, written recommendation from their federation/coaching organization/university, copy of their highest university qualification and the photo page of their passport.

Applicant requirements

- You have experience in the education of coaches and are highly motivated to be a leader in this field now and in the future
- You have a written recommendation from NOC and/or your federation, coaching organization or university
- Preferably you have completed a Bachelor degree (in any field) or equivalent
- You have sufficient command of English to participate in classes and lead small group discussions and activities
- You can commit to attend both one week courses and the home-study elements of the programme (including conducting and reporting on your coach development practice between week one and week two).
- You are in agreement with the mission of the academy: To build a community of coach developers across the world who will enhance the quality of coach education and development leading to improved athlete participation, retention, well-being and performance.

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