

Sport



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Birmingham played proud host to the Jamaican track-and-field team, which used the University as a pre-Olympic training ground. With our world-class research, tailored support and spacious green campus - all on the doorstep of a bustling city - we were the perfect choice for Bolt, Blake and the rest of the record-breaking team to ensure success in London.



Usain Bolt "I'd like to say all the **[big up to Birmingham](http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/olympics/19203492)** (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/0/olympics/19203492>), the University. That's where we trained, they really supported us. We got everything possible. We got indoor facilities, the gym and everything so, for me, it's an honour. Thank you guys for everything you have done for me, really. Thank you."

However, sport is not just for elite athletes; **University of Birmingham Sport** (<http://www.sport.bham.ac.uk>) offers you the opportunity to participate in a sports programme to suit your skill level. You can get involved in any of our elite sporting clubs or simply try your hand at beginner classes across a range of activities.

Sport in the future

After Birmingham's golden summer of sport the University intends to keep the Olympic legacy alive by investing £55million in building a major new Sports Centre. The proposed Sports Centre will include a 50m swimming pool, the only one in the city.

It will include sports halls and training areas that will be used by regional amateur sports clubs and local schools, as well as our staff and students. It will be a facility that will benefit our University and the local community; together we can get more people, more active, more often.

