

THE AWARDS 2021

Outstanding Entrepreneurial University

Institution name	University of Edinburgh
Submission title or project name	Edinburgh Innovations Enterprise Team
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URL	https://www.ed.ac.uk/edinburgh-innovations/for-students
Submission	<p>The University of Edinburgh (UoE) has transformed its entrepreneurial activities, with 2019/20 the most successful on record. Entrepreneurship is at the heart of the UoE mission to ensure research has positive impact on society.</p> <p>The Edinburgh approach comprises integrated support for students and staff, from initial ideas, through team building, funding and investment, launch and company growth. This has resulted in 3 year increase in collaborative and translation income from £37m to £54m, increase in startups and spinouts from 48 to 82, and increased investment in those companies from £11m to £32m in 2019-20.</p> <p>We transitioned seamlessly to 100% online support as a result of COVID-19, seeing marked increase in engagement levels, and received record number of applications to all our programmes.</p> <p>2019-20 was a landmark year for Student Enterprise. Start-up numbers have gone up 60% since 2018 and over 1800 students attended workshops, masterclasses, accelerators, and enterprise foundation programmes.</p>