

THE AWARDS 2020

Outstanding Support for Students

Institution name	Edinburgh Napier University
Submission title or project name	Changing the face of the legal profession in Scotland
Nominee/key personnel	
URL	
Submission	<p>Edinburgh Napier law students are not necessarily reflective of the profession. However, our Law department was determined to turn this on its head through an innovative two-pronged approach: a “Legal City Challenge” designed to get access to local firms for students who might be missing out on internships due to their backgrounds; and “Building An Inclusive Programme” which aimed to raise aspirations and remove perceived barriers to the profession among BAME students.</p> <p>The Legal City Challenge allowed students to learn the skills and attributes valued by firms, and see their learning in practice – a practical foot in the door. Meanwhile, Building An Inclusive Programme led to one student winning the Anderson Strathern Legal Practice Award, giving her an internship in a major law firm, and boosting her confidence as a young, black Scottish woman who had been told at school she would only ever work in a shop.</p>