



THE UNIVERSITY  
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***THE Awards 2019 – Outstanding Entrepreneurial University***

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| Institution/Nominee | University of Edinburgh  |
| Title               | The University of Edinburgh's commercialisation service, Edinburgh Innovations   |
| Key personnel       | Enterprise Services team at Edinburgh Innovations, the University of Edinburgh's commercialisation service   |
| URL                 | <a href="https://edinburgh-innovations.ed.ac.uk">https://edinburgh-innovations.ed.ac.uk</a> and <a href="https://edinburgh-innovations.ed.ac.uk/2018/06/15/success-student-staff-innovators/">https://edinburgh-innovations.ed.ac.uk/2018/06/15/success-student-staff-innovators/</a>  |
| Submission          | <p>Edinburgh Innovations, the commercialisation service of the University of Edinburgh, collaborates across the institution, increasingly embedding an entrepreneurial attitude throughout the University's activities.</p> <p>The Enterprise Services team has inspired the University's entrepreneurs through mindfully staged enterprise education supporting its diverse range of entrepreneurial talent, including new ideation workshops and cross-industry collaborations. Over 800 one-to-one advisory meetings contributed to the launch of 47 new ventures in 2017-18 (an increase of 27% over 2016-7). These entrepreneurs benefited from consistent post-formation support, receiving over £128k in competition funding, £14m in investment, and £3.3m in grants.</p> <p>2017-18 saw a facilitated growth in social enterprises, resulting in new ventures tackling local and global challenges; the Enactus Edinburgh team were named Champions at the National Competition and went on to represent the UK at the World Cup. Edinburgh's enterprising students and staff increasingly show a passion for their entrepreneurial drive to improve the lives of others.</p> |