

## John Iredale - Edinburgh Medical School film for the College of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine

### Transcript

#### Welcome

Welcome. My name is John Iredale. I'm head of the Edinburgh Medical School and Vice Principal of Health Services here at the University of Edinburgh.

#### Introduction to Edinburgh Medical School

The Medical School in Edinburgh has been making history, contributing to research and teaching since 1726. We pride ourselves on our excellence. We pride ourselves on the experience that our students and our staff have, and we relish a can-do attitude.

#### Students as researchers

One of the benefits of our modern estate is that we're able to offer our students fantastic facilities for their studies and most particularly for research. We pride ourselves on students having the opportunity to undertake research. We strongly believe that that experience equips them to really deliver change when they're out there working in the clinical environment, the NHS, or wherever in the world they choose to deliver health care.

#### Research excellence

The recent Research Excellence Framework 2014 Exercise, which assessed the work undertaken by research departments from every UK University placed our Vet School top in the UK. Medicine and Neuroscience at the University of Edinburgh were both top five.

#### One Medicine

Why is this important? It's important because the modern challenges that face not only the UK but the world in terms of the rise of chronic disease, the shifts in populations and the challenges presented by a population which is living much longer are common and the mechanisms underpinning them are common and by bringing the right individuals together you catalyse and create the opportunities to really develop exciting and cutting edge work that makes a difference to people's lives.

#### Why should you study here?

The reason to come to Edinburgh is that you will get truly a first class education which will be delivered to you in first class facilities by excited people who are at the cutting edge. They're right at the front of their game. They will engage you. They will offer you an excellent experience and all of this will be set in an environment where research is cherished and prosecuted. And we believe that research is an important component of the life of every student as a means of understanding a way of thinking that will equip them to deliver positive change for humanity when they graduate in whatever field and go off to the workplace.

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