



THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

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Scottish Funding Council: PhD funding

To: Postgraduate Research Students

Dear Student,

We are delighted to be able to announce that the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) has provided funding to help sustain our research in the face of COVID-19. This includes modest funding to support some postgraduate students impacted by the pandemic.

We will use these funds along the same lines as the recently announced support for final year students funded by UKRI. Specifically, it will provide funded extensions to those final year students who need more time to complete their PhDs or Masters by Research following disruption due to the pandemic.

If your funding comes to an end between 1 March 2020 and 31 March 2021, and your studentship is funded by the University (and its Schools) or a UK body, such as a charity, which is not itself offering extensions, you will be eligible to apply for a funded extension of up to 6 months. Those affected will be contacted with further details in the next few weeks. Please bear with us while we finalise the process.

We will also be using a portion of the SFC funds to augment the hardship fund to help those most in need and who are not eligible for funded extensions. We will be announcing details of how to apply shortly.

For current students whose funding ends after 31 March 2021, we will be supporting you to adapt and finish your research and successfully complete your degree as outlined in Senior Vice-Principal Jonathan Seckl's [email on 31 March](#). Your supervisory teams and/or thesis committees will be monitoring your progress and helping to evaluate what will be required to complete despite the disruption by the pandemic.

With best wishes,

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On behalf of the Doctoral College