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## **Before you graduate from the University of Edinburgh**

**To: final year undergraduate students**

Dear student,

The year 2020 is unlike any other and you are about to graduate into a world that isn't the one you were preparing yourself for. Before you look to the future, give yourself a moment to look back at your time at the University of Edinburgh and feel proud. Think about where you started from and where you are now, how you have changed, the knowledge you have gained, the people you have met and the lives you have influenced. It might not be the world you were preparing yourself for, but you are prepared.

The last few months have shown our 2020 graduating students to be resilient, resourceful and compassionate. Qualities that, alongside your degree, will play a part in what happens next, but so will your university. We are here to support you, to help you adjust, to provide guidance and perspective where it is needed, but also to listen; because we, like you, are changing and adapting.

The more we know about your plans however vague and uncertain, the more we will be able to help. Please take a moment to answer a single question that will help us provide relevant and appropriate support to you as a new graduate.

[Click here to tell us what's next](#)

You can also talk to us. The University's Careers Service is open remotely and Careers Consultants are available and providing support online. You don't need a plan to start a conversation, you just need a question.

Our Graduate Jobs Fair Online is taking place on 8th July. This is a great opportunity to connect with employers from across Scotland and the wider UK who want to recruit for graduate roles starting soon. We will be in touch with more information soon – in the meantime register your interest at the Graduate Career Support website below.

The University's community of alumni are available as a peer support network on 'Platform One'. Unlike other professional social networks, people have registered because they want to offer their advice and experience to other University of Edinburgh graduates. They might not have graduated in 2020, but there are lessons to be shared from other periods of economic uncertainty and social change.

[Find out more by visiting the Graduate Career Support website](#)

If you are considering studying for a postgraduate degree we also wanted to let you know that the University is offering you a [20% scholarship for 2020 entry](#).

If you have the opportunity, give yourself space to think, share your experiences and let us know how we can better help you and your fellow 2020 graduates navigate through this unpredictable and challenging time.

Good luck and thank you for all the ways that you have been, and will continue to be, a part of the University of Edinburgh.

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