



Graduate Attributes

What does it mean to be a University of Edinburgh graduate?

Every student and graduate is unique. They each have their own experiences, learning and way of approaching life. The quality, depth and breadth of their experiences while at the University of Edinburgh develop characteristic attributes that set them apart.

University of Edinburgh graduates have:

- curiosity for learning that makes a positive difference
- courage to expand and fulfil their potential
- passion to engage locally and globally

University of Edinburgh graduates are:

- creative problem solvers and researchers
- critical and reflective thinkers
- effective and influential contributors
- skilled communicators

Shaped by our students' experiences, personalities and academic subjects, these graduate attributes evolve over time. They divide into two types: **mindsets** that influence our students' and graduates' behaviours, and groups of **skills** that empower their actions.

Mindsets

Enquiry and lifelong learning

University of Edinburgh graduates seek personal and academic learning that makes a positive difference to themselves and to the world around them. Inspired by their exposure to world-leading research, they are innovative and lifelong learners.

Aspiration and personal development

University of Edinburgh graduates draw on their initiative and experience to expand and fulfil their potential. Making the most of a confident and reflective approach, they take personal responsibility for pursuing their goals and opportunities to grow.

Outlook and engagement

University of Edinburgh graduates draw on the quality, depth and breadth of their experiences to engage with the communities and world around them. With an informed international perspective, they seek to contribute positively, ethically and respectfully.

Skills

Research and enquiry

University of Edinburgh graduates use their highly-developed skills in **research and enquiry** to identify and creatively tackle problems, and to seek out opportunities for learning.

Personal and intellectual autonomy

University of Edinburgh graduates use their **personal and intellectual autonomy** to critically evaluate ideas, evidence and experiences from an open-minded and reasoned perspective.

Personal effectiveness

University of Edinburgh graduates are **effective and proactive individuals**, skilled in influencing positively and adapting to new situations with sensitivity and integrity.

Communication

University of Edinburgh graduates use skilled **communication** to enhance their understanding of a topic or context and to engage effectively with others.