

Regional brief for Africa



The University of Edinburgh values and cultivates connections and relationships throughout Africa, evidenced through our community, partnerships and exchanges.

This brief provides key information focusing on the region of Africa.

Our community

- Over 1100 students from 38 African countries currently studying with the University of Edinburgh.
- We have the largest community of South African undergraduate students in the UK, and significant student communities from Nigeria, Kenya, Egypt, and Zimbabwe.
- There is a growing community of online learners, undertaking part-time postgraduate study, notably from Ghana, Sudan, Uganda, Malawi, and Zambia.
- We have a community of over 3,600 African alumni across 45 countries.
- **There are 15 societies and clubs connected with Africa:**
 - Nigerian Society
 - Southern African Society
 - African Caribbean Society
 - Afrobeats
 - Africa Film Club
 - Model African Union
 - Swahili Society
 - Egyptian Society
 - African Drumming Society
 - West African Dance Society
 - Centre of African Studies Seminar Series
 - Edinburgh Global Partnerships
 - Transformative Education Movement for Africa (TEMA)
 - Black Ed Movement
 - First Aid Africa

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Partnerships

- Over 3,000 research outputs with 84 institutions across Africa in the past 10 years.
- We have a strategic bilateral partnership with the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, with whom we have long-standing research collaborations, and are developing the partnership towards learning, teaching, and exchange.
- Key partnerships across the continent, most notably in the areas of health, agriculture, food security, political science, biological sciences, and energy.
- The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program, worth \$27 million, will support 200 scholars from the African continent by 2023.
- We are one of over 20 HEI partners within the Mastercard Foundation network (across Africa, North America and Europe).
- We have worked with Mastercard Foundation partners to launch a programme for refugees to access higher education, and build research on the wellbeing of African students in international education.

Connections

- Centre of African Studies (CAS) is a world leading centre for the study of Africa and the largest centre of African studies in Europe. Founded in 1962, it provides interdisciplinary undergraduate and postgraduate teaching and supervision on Africa and international development.
- Our first African graduate, James Africanus Beale Horton from Sierra Leone, completed his MD (Medical Doctor), in 1859.
- Two Mastercard Foundation Scholars, graduating in 2021, have been selected by the 117-year-old Rhodes Scholarship, including the first Rwandan recipient, and will study as postgraduates at the University of Oxford.

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