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### **Students set to benefit from record bursary payouts**

The University of Edinburgh will award more than £8.5million in bursaries to undergraduate students from low income households in the current academic year – its highest total to date.

The record package has been approved by the University's governing body – the University Court – which has decided that Edinburgh should continue to offer one of the most generous bursary packages in the UK.

The University has carried out research that demonstrates the impact of its bursaries on widening participation, alongside its successful outreach work and pioneering approach to admissions.

Its analysis found that the bursaries not only increased recruitment of students from low income households and socio-economically disadvantaged areas, but also made their students less likely to drop out, with 92 per cent of Scottish students in receipt of a bursary continuing their studies after their first year.

Edinburgh has also launched 20 new UK Masters Access Awards for 2016 entry. These build on the University's successful undergraduate bursary schemes and extend the University's commitment to students who came to Edinburgh as undergraduates from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

These awards for postgraduate students – each worth £10,000 – are available to support new or recent Edinburgh graduates who have taken part in a widening participation programme, been in care before entering University or have received an undergraduate bursary.

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