



# THE UNIVERSITY *of* EDINBURGH

## Edinburgh Award (Widening Participation Peer Mentoring: MasterCard Foundation)

This award is given to students whom the University has recognised for actively working to maximise their impact and excel as a peer mentor for students from a widening participation background. Trained in peer support, these students offer support, guidance and advice on academic, social, financial and personal aspects of student life, easing the transition from school to the University.

In successfully completing the Edinburgh Award, these students will have been helped to:

- increase their self-awareness;
- make the most of their existing strengths and build new skills/abilities against clear development goals;
- understand the processes involved in having a planned positive impact and strategically working to excel, enabling them to have impact and make a difference whatever situation they are in; and
- look not only at their work with peers, but also to capitalise on their experiences elsewhere to inform and enhance their role as a peer supporter, and vice versa.