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Scholarships give career kick-start to gifted young scientists

Talented scientists and engineers of the future are to benefit from a £750,000 scholarship fund.

Some 70 students from around the world will be able to study for undergraduate degrees at the University of Edinburgh thanks to the scheme, funded by global logistics company Deutsche Post DHL through the DHL UK Foundation.

Students who qualify for the scholarships will receive £2,000 each year for up to five years of their course.

The scheme is scheduled to support 14 or 15 science and engineering students each year, and will operate for 10 years in total, beginning in autumn 2015.

The initiative is intended to support aspiring young people of limited means to pursue a world-class education in science.

Students selected to take part may also benefit from placement opportunities and exchange programmes at DHL's UK business divisions.

Professor Lesley Yellowlees, Vice Principal and Head of the University's College of Science and Engineering, said: "The University of Edinburgh is committed to attracting and developing outstanding students. Every student with the ability to thrive should be enabled to do so, and we are rightly proud that Edinburgh's programme of student support is the most generous in the UK. We are looking forward to working with DHL in the next phase of the project."

John Allan, Chairman of Trustees at the DHL UK Foundation said: "We are delighted to be working with The University of Edinburgh on the scholarship programme and are confident that our involvement will have a significant and positive impact on the students. The DHL UK Foundation is committed to supporting young people from all backgrounds, working in partnership with our 40,000 DHL colleagues across the UK who volunteer both time and expertise across a range of award winning programmes. This exciting opportunity is helping develop scientists and engineers for the future."

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About the DHL UK Foundation:

Founded in 1988, the DHL UK Foundation is an independent charity that supports disadvantaged children and young people to achieve their full potential. Winner of the 2012 Big Society Award, the Foundation works closely with the DHL UK business to encourage employees to get involved in the communities in which they live and work, through fundraising and volunteering. For more information visit www.dhlukefoundation.org

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