Engaging with Africa
People & Partnerships
Our global engagement plan

Institutional context

• 13\textsuperscript{th} in the THE 2017 ranking of the world’s most international universities
• Combined international staff/student population of over 22,000 (170+ countries)
• Focus tends towards North America and China

• Geopolitics – Brexit, but not only Brexit
• Centres of gravity – East & South Asia now, Africa in the future?
• Transnational partnerships – new partners, technologies and approaches

\textit{Response:} Regional & relational approach to \textit{nurture} activities;
Constantly reflect on \textit{nature} of internationalization, implications of \textit{numbers}
REGIONAL BRIEF
AFRICA

OUR COMMUNITY

800

The University is currently home to over 800 students who are from 37 African countries.

37 COUNTRIES

TOP DESTINATION

#1

The University of Edinburgh is the number one UK study destination for undergraduate South African students.

RESEARCH OUTPUT

3,000 OUTPUTS

Over the past 10 years the University has had over 3,000 research outputs with 84 institutions across 44 countries in Africa.

OUR ALUMNI COMMUNITY

2,400 ALUMNI

There are over 2,400 African alumni of the University from 37 different countries.

OUR EXPERTISE

55 YEARS

Our Centre of African Studies is a world-leading centre for the study of Africa, founded in 1962 as one of the first in the UK on the recommendation of the Hayter Commission.

ON-CAMPUS CULTURE

15+ SOCIETIES

There are over 15 student societies which promote African culture, language, health and development at the University.

SCHOLARS PROGRAM

$27m

Over 7 years, the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program will offer 200 full scholarships to Sub-Saharan African students, worth $27 million.

A RICH HISTORY

SINCE 1859

Our first African graduate, James Africanus Beale Horton from Sierra Leone, completed his MD (Medical Doctor) in 1859.

OUR NETWORKS

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars program links us to a wide network of institutions across Africa and North America.

Produced by Edinburgh Global, The University of Edinburgh
October 2017
Africa exchange
Living labs

Global Development Academy
The Circular Solar Challenge 2016

Is it possible to build fairly-sourced, repairable and recyclable solar powered lighting systems for use in East Africa?

Find out more
Africa exchange

Summer Schools

Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at Makerere @MCFMakerere · Jun 11
We would like to thank all the Scholars who attended both the Pearl of Africa Leadership camp and the Summer Leadership that came to a close on 9th June 2019. Your enthusiasm and eagerness to learn was very exciting. #PearlLeadershipCamp #MakSLC19

MCFScholarsEd, MasterCard Alumni UG, Makerere University CoCIS and 7 others
Africa community
MasterCard Scholars Program

2018-19
45 new scholars
c. 12,000 applications

Learning
Global access/community
Extended orientation

Next
Summer schools
Basis for new partnerships
Africa community

Less British catering
What now?

Building new relationships

• We are currently developing a small number (3 or 4) of deeper African partnerships, based in key countries. Implications for:
  • Research – focus; geography; process; impact
  • Capacity – complementarity and benefits for both partners
What now?

Building new networks

• We are involved in exciting networks that build capacity, lever complementarity, and extend our impact:
What next?

Changing the relationship

• Reflect on our historical relationship with Africa
• Deliver new pathways to access our degree programmes
• Develop new research collaborations
• Shift the locus of activity from Edinburgh to the African continent
  • Partnerships
  • Networks
  • Exchanges
  • Infrastructure?