



The University of Edinburgh

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### **Edinburgh attracts record levels of research funding**

The University of Edinburgh has strengthened its position as a world-leading research institution by attracting record levels of investment to help fund its pioneering work.

Figures just released show that the University was awarded £300 million in competitive research grants in 2012/13, 20% more than the £250 million it secured in 2011/12.

The amount is a record and comes as the news is announced today of Edinburgh's rise in the latest international university league table. The University has climbed four places from 21<sup>st</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> in the 2013/14 QS World University Rankings.

University of Edinburgh Principal, Professor Sir Timothy O'Shea said:

"The news about our research funding figures, and our continued rise in the various world league tables, is very welcome and reflects the quality, hard work and dedication of our staff and students as well as the highly strategic support we receive from the Scottish Government. With such support, the University can go on producing world-leading research which has the potential to change people's lives for the better.

Cabinet Secretary for Education Michael Russell MSP said:

"We are delighted to see the University of Edinburgh rise to 17th place in the QS World University Rankings. Scottish Government support in partnership with the university has allowed Edinburgh to become even more successful in leveraging further funding from other sources. The publication of the rankings today also reflects the exceptional commitment of staff and students at the University."

The investment in the University of Edinburgh – won in competition with other universities and research centres – supports work across a range of disciplines, including medicine, veterinary medicine, science, engineering, humanities and social sciences.

The awards are made from a variety of UK, Scottish and international sources, including government, industry, commerce and charities.

In 2012/13, University of Edinburgh students and staff created a total of 35 new companies and concluded 50 commercial licence agreements to allow commercial use of technologies developed on campus. This is the fourth consecutive year where the University has produced 35 or more new companies.

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