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University of Edinburgh
and Africa:
Looking to the Future

The University of Edinburgh & Africa - *Future*

- Growing the African Community
 - Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program
- Strategic Partnerships
 - University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and Tshimologong Digital Innovation Precinct
- What can the General Council do?

Community and The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program (MCFSP)

- With the number of students and staff from the continent growing, from a wider range of countries and studying a wider range of degree programmes, our community is quickly changing
- Almost 1000 students from the African continent, from 39 countries – one of the most diverse in UK – but not all are here
- MCFSP at Edinburgh started in 2016, with a USD \$27million programme to support 200 of Africa's next generation of leaders over 7 years. The program allows students whose talent and promise exceed their financial resources to complete their education





The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program (MCFSP)

- Education as a catalyst for social and economic change
 - Develops transformative leaders
 - Commitment to giving back
 - Focus on women
- Currently 68 scholars on programme (50UG, 9PGT on campus and 9PGT) online & 17 graduates
- They're the best ones to speak for themselves...



Partnerships in Africa

- Equitable and innovative partnerships will be central to the University's future engagement in Africa
- University-wide, trans-disciplinary partnerships – not only with universities
- One such example is our partnership with the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg
- In October 2018 the University signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University
- Professor Barry Dwolatzky, Tshimologong Digital Innovation Precinct <https://tshimologong.joburg/>



What can the General Council do?

- Go Connect Hospitality Scheme
 - Currently refreshing the scheme for 2019/20. Interested?
Email: globalcommunity@ed.ac.uk
- Work-based placements / Internships / Mentoring
 - More and more our students are looking to apply learning and enhance employment options
www.ed.ac.uk/platform-one
- Scholarships with support from the Development Trust
- Africa Week – 24th to 30th October
<https://global.ed.ac.uk/africa-week>





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**Many thanks for coming –
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