The University of Edinburgh values and cultivates connections and relationships throughout East Asia, evidenced through our community, partnerships and exchanges.

This brief provides key information focusing on the region of East Asia.

Our community

- Over 5,700 students from the region currently study with us.
- Top destination in Scotland for students from East Asia
- More than 11,500 alumni in East Asia
- 13 student societies promote awareness of East Asian culture, build an inclusive community, and organise a range of social, cultural and academic activities.
  - China Futures Society
  - Chinese Dance Society
  - Chinese Students and Scholars Association
  - Chinese Students’ Association (EUCSA)
  - Chinese Studies Peer Support (CSPS)
  - Logic and Chinese Language Games Society
  - ABACUS (Association of British and Chinese University Students)
  - Hong Kong International Society (EUHKIS)
  - Macau Society
  - Taiwanese Student Society
  - Japan Society
  - Japanese Studies Peer Support (JSPS)
  - Korean Students Society
  - Exchanges and partnerships

Student funding

- In the last five years more than 1200 students from East Asia received funding for their studies worth over £13 million
- 145 students received £2.2 million in funding from China Scholarship Council in the last five years

Research outputs

- Published 6,197 research outputs with 648 institutions in East Asia in the last five years
Partnerships

- Long-standing strategic partnerships with
  - Zhejiang University
  - Shanghai Jiaotong University

- Formally partnered with over 40 universities in East Asia including some of the top institutions
  - Peking University
  - Fudan University
  - Donghua University
  - Korea University
  - University of Hong Kong
  - University of Macau
  - National Taiwan University
  - Nagoya University

- Partnered with local government, non-profit organisations and industry the region
- 12 years of partnership with Fudan University through our Confucius Institute

Historic connections

- The first Chinese graduate from a European university, Wong Fun, graduated from the University of Edinburgh as a Doctor of Medicine in 1855

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East Asia Regional Team
Our work in other regions