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

**This brief provides key information focusing on the region of North America.**

**Our community**

- More than 2,500 students from the US and round 500 students from Canada currently studying
- Our student community represents 48 of the 50 US states
- More than 550 members of staff are from North America
- There are over 27,000 alumni in North America as well as alumni clubs and groups throughout the region
- #1 destination for North American students studying in the UK; this has been the case since 2011 for US students and since 2015 for Canadian students
- The Edinburgh University North American Student Society (EUNAS) promotes US and Canadian culture

**Student opportunities**

- Student exchange opportunities with over 40 North American institutions.
- North America is the #1 exchange destination for our outgoing students
- Our USA Development Trust supports teaching, research and student activities and has offered over $10 million in grants since it began in 1992
Networks and partnerships

- Our partnerships include academic partners as well as partners in research, non-profits, and industry
- **Key academic partners:**
  - University of Toronto
  - University of California
  - University of Pennsylvania
  - Stanford University

- **Our regional networks and attendance at NAFSA, NACAC and IACAC conferences allow us to:**
  - engage with educators
  - gather market intelligence
  - develop new and existing partnerships

- **Key stakeholders in North America include**
  - Scottish Development International
  - British Council
  - Universities Scotland
  - Scottish Government
  - US Consulate (Edinburgh-based)

- Our development staff based on the East and West Coast assist and advise North American alumni with philanthropic support
- **Connections in North America are advanced through:**
  - Regional Centre in New York city
  - Regional representative in California
  - Our team of North American experts based in Edinburgh

Connections

- John Witherspoon, signatory of the US Declaration of Independence, graduated from the University in 1739
- We issued an honorary degree to Canadian Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, in 2017

Find out more

**North America Regional Team**

**Our work in other regions**