The Principal’s Teaching Award Scheme (PTAS):

Special call for projects related to “Employability”

Every year, all staff with learning, teaching or student support roles are welcome to apply for funding for either a pedagogical research project, or a learning and teaching innovation project. Grants may be ‘small’ (up to £1,500) or ‘regular’ (up to £15,000). We gratefully acknowledge that annual funding for the Principal’s Teaching Award Scheme is provided by the University of Edinburgh Development Trust.

We are delighted to announce that over 2018/19 and 2019/20 we will be awarding up to £25K additional funding provided by the Careers Service for projects related to the University’s work on embedding employability and graduate attributes within the credit-bearing curriculum. Projects that aim to (further) integrate employability and graduate attributes across curricula rather than solely ‘bolt on’ to existing curricula are particularly encouraged.

Relevant topics might include, but are not limited to:

a. Helping students identify and understand the graduate attributes they are developing through their credit-bearing curriculum – within a course, across an academic year, or across an academic programme – and connecting this to their longer-term employability.

b. Auditing and enhancing curriculum provision related to employability across a programme, subject areas or school – where and how are different aspects of employability incorporated into curricula.

c. How assessment practices can support students’ employability and graduate attributes – assessment for and as learning.

d. Exploring the synergies between employability/graduate attributes and other pan-institutional agendas such as sustainability, community engagement, research-teaching linkages, or experiential learning. For example, what graduate attributes are fostered when building research-teaching linkages or community engagement into the curriculum and how can students be supported to relate these to their employability?

Application is through the normal PTAS route and requirements. Please mark your application ‘EMPLOYABILITY’.