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Edinburgh is a hub for scientific research and more and more businesses are locating to the city to share in its wealth of facilities, skilled workers and specialist scientific companies.

Edinburgh has been at the forefront of exciting scientific discoveries for hundreds of years – the University of Edinburgh was founded in 1583 by the Town Council of Edinburgh and, in the years that followed, Edinburgh became the base for Lister's pioneering work in antiseptic surgery and the invention of chloroform anaesthesia by Sir James Young Simpson. Today the city remains a powerhouse of scientific research.

The University of Edinburgh alone employs 7,000 staff and has a research income well in excess of £100 million per annum, and the grouping of other university-level research organisations within Edinburgh and the Lothians contribute as much again to the total research activity of the region. World-class expertise within these organisations includes informatics, genomics, medicine, animal health and stem cell research, micro-electronics, petroleum discovery and extraction technology and brewing and distilling. The universities, colleges and research organisations involved in this activity have built up over the years state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, and a worldwide network of collaborators and contacts.