

UEGA AGM 2025 – Editorial Report

1. *New Look Journal*

Over the course of the last two years, covering Volume 51, the *Journal's* Editorial Team have been working hard to update the appearance and content of the *Journal*. We have produced 4 issues in the new style, which includes feature images on the cover artwork, a new style for the content, and a new editorial approach. Amongst other articles of interest, we have been pleased to publish some important editorial contributions from senior members of the University community, including: the Principal, Prof. Sir Peter Mathieson; the Vice Principal for Philanthropy and Advancement, Chris Cox; Deputy Secretary Students, Lucy Evans; and the recently elected Rector, Simon Fanshawe.

2. *University of Edinburgh Journal* – Volume 51, Issue 4

The latest issue of the *Journal* was published on time in December 2024 and distributed to all members of the University of Edinburgh Graduates' Association and other members of the University of Edinburgh community. This issue was the last one in Volume 51, and included a wide selection of articles on a range of subjects, including: celebrating UEGA's centenary, the Edinburgh Seven, the first female graduate of the School of Veterinary Medicine, and others. The insert that was supplied with the *Journal* included an advert for D&A, continuing to honour the agreement of cooperation between UEGA and D&A. Based on feedback delivered both directly and via the recent survey conducted amongst our readership, this issue has been well received. The total production cost of this issue was **£4186.61**. The slight increase on the same issue last year is due in large part to a number of increases to the cost of delivering the *Journal*, and a slight increase to the colour printing included with this issue.

3. *University of Edinburgh Journal* Editorial Panel

Progress on assembling a small group of people from in and around the University to form a panel for the future development of the *Journal* is ongoing. The first meeting of the Editorial Panel took place on 22 January 2025 at which the majority of invited figures from in and around the University were able to attend. Discussion at this meeting was enthusiastic and productive, and focussed on immediately improving the *Journal's* profile amongst the student, staff, and alumni populations through a variety of strategies. The discussion also covered possible material for future issues from various members of the interdisciplinary panel, and will guarantee that the *Journal* continues to publish an interesting range of articles on all kinds of subjects. Ideas were also proposed for the improvement of the *Journal's* archive and first steps in making this into more of a robust scholarly tool for research and personal interest. The next meeting of the EP has not yet been arranged, but we hope to hold it in advance of the next issue of the *University of Edinburgh Journal* in Summer. We also hope to have full attendance from invited figures, at which point a full list of EP members will be published with the *Journal*.

4. Centenary Issue of the *University of Edinburgh Journal* and Beyond

This year, 2025, brings with it the centenary of the *University of Edinburgh Journal*. Plans for centenary issues across this year are well in hand, with articles in development from authors such as Prof. Ian Campbell, former Reviews Editor of the *Journal* for many years, on the history of reviews and other writing in the *Journal*. Coincidentally, an exhibition at the Main Library titled 'Rooting', which is showing a number of back issues of the *Journal* as an appendix to the exhibits, has allowed us to further highlight this important year for the *Journal*.

As for issues beyond our centenary year, we have already begun to develop relationships with authors who will be supplying material for publication in late-2025 and early 2026. It is hoped that, with a more forward-looking approach and new ideas and feedback from the EP, we can begin to plan out each issue more strategically in order to match some of the University's messages and goals in each semester.

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