

PRESIDENTS

- 1783–1812 His Grace The Duke of Buccleuch
- 1812–1820 Sir James Hall, Bart., FRS
- 1820–1832 Sir Walter Scott, Bart
- 1832–1860 Sir Thomas Makdougall Brisbane, Bart., GCB, GCH
- 1860–1864 His Grace The Duke of Argyll, KG, KT, DCL, LLD, FRS
- 1864–1868 Principal Sir David Brewster, KH, LLD, DCL, FRS
- 1869–1873 Sir Robert Christison, Bart, MD , DCL
- 1873–1878 Sir William Thomson, DCL, FRS (later Lord Kelvin)
- 1878–1879 Rev. Philip Kelland, MA, FRS
- 1879–1884 The Rt. Hon. Lord Moncreiff of Tullibole, LLD
- 1884–1885 Thomas Stevenson, MemInstCE
- 1886–1890 Sir William Thomson, LLD, DCL, FRS (later Lord Kelvin)
- 1890–1895 Sir Douglas Maclagan, MD, LLD
- 1895–1907 The Rt. Hon. Lord Kelvin, GCV0, LLD, DCL, FRS
- 1908–1913 Principal Sir William Turner, KCB, DCL, LLD, DSc, FRS
- 1913–1915 Professor J. Geikie
- 1915–1919 Dr John Horne
- 1919–1924 Professor F. O. Bower
- 1924–1929 Sir Alfred Ewing
- 1929–1934 Sir Edward Sharpey Schafer
- 1934–1939 Sir D'Arcy Wentworth Thompson
- 1939–1944 Professor Sir Edmund Whittaker
- 1944–1949 Professor Sir William Wright Smith
- 1949–1954 Professor James Kendall, FRS
- 1954–1958 Professor James Ritchie
- 1958–1959 Professor J. Norman Davidson

1959–1964 Professor Sir Edmund Hirst, FRS

1964–1967 Professor J. Norman Davidson, FRS

1967–1970 Professor Norman Feather, FRS

1970–1973 Sir Maurice Yonge, CBE, FRS

1973–1976 The Hon. Lord Cameron

1976–1979 Professor R. A. Smith, CBE, FRS

1979–1982 Sir Kenneth Blaxter, FRS

1982–1985 Sir John Atwell, CBE, FEng

1985–1988 Sir Alwyn Williams, FRS, MRIA

1988–1991 Professor Charles Kemball, CBE, MRIA, FRS

1991–1993 Professor Sir Alastair Currie, FRCP, FRCPath

1993–1996 Dr Thomas L. Johnston, DL, Drhc, LLD, D.Ed, D.Univ, FEIS, CIMgt

1996–1999 Professor Malcolm Jeeves, CBE

1999–2002 Sir William Stewart, FRS

2002–2005 Lord Sutherland of Houndwood, KT, MA, HonDLitt, HonLLD, LHD, FBA

2005–2008 Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, FRS, Hon.FRSE

2008–2011 Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, KT GCMG KStJ

2011–2014 Sir John Arbuthnott, MRIA, FBS, HonFRCPSG, FMedSci

2014–2018 Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell, DBE CBE FRS HonMRIA FinstP FRAS

2018–present Dame Anne Glover, DBE CBE FRS