The Scottish Innovative Student Awards (SISA) recognises existing enterprise learning in academic courses at level 1 and then builds upon this to enhance students’ creative and entrepreneurial potential at Levels 2 and 3.

Award engagement data for University of Aberdeen undergraduates and taught postgraduates in the academic year 2018-19 is presented.

SISA Level 1: Future Thinker
Recognising the innovation competencies within the academic curriculum.

44 students from the following degree programmes achieved this level:
- Law
- Sociology
- Genetics
- Biological Sciences
- Environmental Sciences
- Business Management
- International Relations
- Neuroscience

201 students from the following courses at the University of Aberdeen:
- Working Together: Employability for Arts & Social Sciences ED3536
- Career Development: Find your Direction ED2550
- MSc Environmental Partnership Management
- Engineering Work Experience ED251A
- Science & Society SX3002
- STARB
- The Cell SM1501

SISA Delivery Partners:
- CENSIS
- Digital Health & Care Institute
- The Datalab

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SISA Level 2: Innovation Catalyst
Students participate in a national one-day workshop delivered by SIE and our Innovation Centre partners

8 students from the University of Aberdeen have achieved this level

SISA Level 3: Innovation Champion
Students demonstrate ability to innovate in a subject of their choosing by completing online assessment, showcasing learnings from previous two stages.

"...helped me to broaden my mind, listen to others’ point of view and expand what I consider possible for the future. It will definitely help me in my future career."
2nd Year, BSc (Hons) Genetics Student

"...pushes you to critically think about the needs of our society and how to engage creatively and devise solutions for a more sustainable and efficient future."
3rd Year, MA (Hons) Politics & International Relations Student

Dr Joy Perkins, Educational & Employability Advisor, University of Aberdeen

"Having the SISA recognised on a student’s degree transcript enables formal recognition of their wider enterprise learning and skills development to showcase to graduate recruiters.”

Self-aware & self-efficacious
Flexible & adaptable, see alternative perspectives
Recognise opportunities
Creative problem solving
Communication
Collaboration
Cope with ambiguity & uncertainty
Influencing, communication, negotiation
Employ visualisation & flexible planning to articulate ideas
Develop and enhance work with others’ views
Critical reflection & evaluation of solutions
Civic and social responsibility
Ethical and sustainable thinking
Innovation & intuitive decision making
Combine subject expertise with innovation constructs
Account for changing environments in taking idea forward

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