

The JCR have recently launched a new Humans of Regent's Instagram account, an access initiative to highlight the diversity of students here at Regent's.



Ciara Samuels, JCR President 2018, founded the original '[Humans of Oxford](#)' page. Speaking of this initiative, Ciara writes:

*I decided to start [Humans of Oxford University](#) after the admissions statistics were released by the university and showed an unsurprising lack of diversity in terms of education, ethnicity, race etc. Especially as President, I thought it was important to demonstrate that students at the University wanted change; it also made me think about my education and I realised that part of the problem was that the actual applicants to the University to begin with are not particularly diverse. After asking for support from all of the other Presidents, access officers and the SU, I started the page and it's continued to grow since then.*

*I was really pleased to hear about Ella creating a Humans of Regent's page and I'm looking forward to reading all the profiles. Hopefully this will show that Regent's students come from a variety of backgrounds and maybe it will encourage students from non-traditional backgrounds to apply directly to Regents!*

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Ella Street, a first-year English student and the JCR's Access and Outreach Officer, is leading this new College-specific account. Ella comments:

*When I applied to Oxford, the [Humans of Oxford University page](#) that Ciara founded was incredibly reassuring to me as it demonstrated how there were plenty of students from non-traditional Oxford backgrounds studying at Oxford.*

*Like Ciara, I think increasing the diversity of applicants to Oxford is incredibly important and student-led projects like Humans of Oxford University are fundamental in ensuring this happens.*

*My interest in access to university has led me to become the access and outreach officer for the JCR, and in this role I was keen to set up a complimentary [Humans of Regents page](#) as other colleges have now done as a key resource for any prospective students.*

*I think Humans of Oxford University and the complimentary college pages are especially an important resource at the minute with lockdown, as any prospective students won't be able to visit Oxford and meet students, so profiles are a great way to share who we are with them.*

*Currently, I am excited to feature profiles from students in both the JCR and MCR but in the future I would love to expand and include profiles potentially from staff members and alumni to really showcase everything we have to offer as a college. I'll be sharing the profiles on our Instagram ([@humansofregents](#)) as well as on the [JCR Facebook page](#) so do get in touch if you would like to feature – I'm excited to read and share all of your profiles!*