# Transcript – Jhumar Johnson

I'm Jumar Johnson, Chief of Staff to the Vice-Chancellor at the Open University. The Vice -Chancellor's office includes the EDI portfolio, the Deputy Vic- Chancellor and the Academic Strategy Group, as well as the executive support for the Vice-Chancellor. I also have the privilege of being the Director of Development, which means I look after all our alumni relations, alumni spread across 177 countries, as well as all our philanthropic fundraising. Our students sit at the heart of everything that we do. We were set up 55 years ago to make education open for all, and since then, every student that has placed their ambitions and aspirations in our hands has been our focus. We have over 200,000 students, but every individual matters. The Open University is unique because we've got fournNations that make us who we are. Our presence gives us a richness and a depth of understanding of what our students want in a way that cannot be replicated anywhere else. We have students in every parliamentary constituency of the UK, and as a result we understand their needs and their requirements better than anyone else can. What I absolutely love about OU and working here are the people, staff and students. Wherever you go, you get to see the best of those worlds. The staff are absolutely committed to the success of our students, to the mission of this organisation, constantly creative and pushing boundaries. And the students – well - you only have to go to a degree ceremony to see exactly what studying with the OU has meant to an individual and their families and subsequently their communities. It's the best job in the world.