

Regent's University London Access and Participation Statement 2024/2025

1. Overview

Regent's University London offers students a supportive and personal environment to achieve our purpose of reimaging education. Our promise is to deliver a premium, transformative education, rich in global connections, with the outcome being globally minded graduates that bring purpose and passion to people and planet.

The University's strategic plan has three, mutually reinforcing, priorities at its core:

1. Teaching excellence
2. Commercial focus
3. Cultural change

Our practical, industry-led degrees enable our students to flourish as individuals, and as professional and global citizens. The multitude of nationalities represented on campus benefit from small group teaching and promotion of active learning alongside a culture of internationalism, enterprise, and entrepreneurship.

The Regent's offer is a unique one and it is our ambition to increase access to a global education, while empowering our students to realise their potential at university and beyond.

In 2023/24, the University's student body comprised 2105 full time equivalent students, including 1416 undergraduate students and 689 postgraduate students as well as study abroad students, other postgraduate pathways, and language courses. In 2022/23, 29% of the student body were UK domiciled.

2. Assessment of current performance

Regent's does not receive public or Government funding and generates most of its annual income through tuition fees. As one of the most internationally diverse campuses in the UK/EU, the University puts internationalism at the heart of its mission statement and does not differentiate fees between home and international students.

As a private, for-profit institution, Regent's is classified as an Alternative Provider under the terms of the Student Loans Company and students are therefore entitled to a tuition fee loan of no more than £6,165 per year¹. This is a significant barrier to entry as it does not cover the cost of tuition fees at the University.

Regent's supports students financially and in 2023/24 bursaries and scholarships of just under £0.7m were awarded to students based on academic merit, discounts, and financial need.

The University also offers a number of Scholarships in the form of fee remission.

¹ Regent's University London (2024) *Undergraduate Loans- Student Finance England 2024-25*. Available at: <https://www.regents.ac.uk/admissions/scholarships-and-funding/undergraduate-loans-student-finance-england>

3. Current provision

3.1. Financial support

Hardship Fund

The University makes available a discretionary Hardship Fund to provide some relief from financial hardship for students who experience unexpected emergencies or health costs. The Hardship Fund eases the financial burden faced by students who have no recourse to other sources of financial assistance.

Financial advice

The Finance Office, together with our Student Wellbeing and Disability team, deliver 1:1 support to those students seeking advice and support about funding their studies, living costs and applications to the Student Loans Company. Both the Finance Office and the Student Wellbeing & Disability team provide introductory help and advice about budgeting and living costs.

3.2. Student Experience

Our Student Experience team are the first point of contact for students throughout their learning journey at Regent's. Each course has a dedicated Student Experience Officer who provides administrative support for students and staff, including organising events or field trips, supporting quality assurance processes, organising and minuting meetings and being available by email, phone, live chat and in person to support students. The team comprises of eight Student Experience Officers, two Senior Student Experience Officers and a Student Experience Administrator. Within their remit is a caseload of around 250 students where they are the named contact.

3.3. Academic Skills

Regent's also has three Academic Skills Officers (2.0 FTE) who provide both support to cohorts of students, and personalised and tailored academic support to individual students (for example around assessments) to ensure that students have every opportunity to succeed on their chosen courses.

3.4. Student Wellbeing

Our Student Wellbeing and Disability team provides mental health and wellbeing support to our student population, including specialist support depending on the needs of the student.

Wellbeing and Mental Health

The Student Wellbeing and Disability team has a Student Wellbeing and Disability Advisor and a Lead Student Wellbeing and Disability Advisor who are the first port of call for students with questions or concerns around disability, health, mental health, wellbeing, and any other pastoral issues which arise during the student journey. Regent's partners with Spectrum Life and refers students for specialist treatment where appropriate.

Disability Support

Regent's Lead Student Wellbeing and Disability Advisor works, alongside their wellbeing duties, to support the participation and success of students with disabilities. On behalf of students, our Lead Student Wellbeing and Disability Advisor works to:

- Provide information, advice, and guidance for disability related concerns,
- Liaise closely with teaching staff to communicate students' needs,
- Set up Student Support Agreements,

- Organise exam concessions such as, extra time and specialist equipment,
- Assist with applications for the Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA),
- Arrange screenings for specific learning difficulties (SpLDs) such as, dyslexia and dyspraxia,
- Advise staff on reasonable adjustments so disabled students are not disadvantaged,
- Arrange 1:1 sessions with the SpLD specialist, and
- Arrange in class support (Non-Medical Helpers) such as note takers.

All teaching staff at Regent's are advised and supported by the Student Wellbeing and Disability team in relation to declared disabilities and necessary adjustments.

Regent's also appointed a SpLD specialist on a part-time basis (0.2 FTE) to work with students with diagnosed and non-diagnosed specific learning difficulties in the completion of their assessments.

Spectrum Life

Regent's partners with Spectrum Life to provide a 24/7 support line, multi-lingual counselling sessions, online mental health support and a digital gym.

3.5. Student consultation and the Students' Union

Regent's has an active Students' Union, through which the student body are involved in decision making. The President of Regent's University London Students' Union is an elected position and a paid part-time role held by a Regent's student. Their remit is to consult with and lead the student body, and enhance the student experience. The postholder sits on committees and working groups. The Students' Union reaches all aspects of student life, from enhancing sports services and supporting new student clubs and societies to contributing, through the committee structure, to decision making within the University.

Students can make their voice heard through a number of mechanisms at Regent's, including Module Evaluation Surveys, Programme Evaluation Surveys, the NSS (for undergraduate final year students only), through the Students' Union, Student Voice meetings and by nominating themselves as Student Representatives for their course

3.6. Supportive technology

For each module, there is a significant amount of content available for students to access via Blackboard. Students can download content in multiple formats using Blackboard Ally. Additional assistive software is available on all computers within the library. Students with a declared learning difficulty and/or disability can work with the Lead Student Wellbeing and Disability Advisor to identify any software needs.

3.7. Careers, Enterprise, and Industry support

Our Careers, Enterprise and Industry department supports students and alumni throughout their academic journey and beyond. This includes:

- Career exploration and development – embedded throughout the curriculum with the support of industry – for students and alumni at all stages of their journeys
- Character development and skills transferability through online and offline sessions
- Digital careers support to build relationship capital and active self-learning, which can support with placements and internships
- Career Coaching
- Mentoring and Peer Mentoring
- Insight sessions with support from Industry
- Integrated and closely aligned with Student Wellbeing and Disability to positively encourage action on Mental Health and Wellbeing as well as with Disability and

Counselling

- Entrepreneurial learning throughout within and outside the curriculum
- A specific entrepreneurial extra-curricular programme to support our most enterprising students
- Bookable co-working space for start-ups, as well as for those interested in this arena (even if they do not have a specific start-up idea)
- Support and advice on entrepreneurship visas where needed

The Careers, Enterprise and Industry department also works closely with the Students' Union on all aspects of career and enterprise development. In September 2023, our Innovation lab opened to students, staff, and alumni. The Innovation Lab is designed to host tailored training, workshops, and conversational events for students, placing entrepreneurship at the heart of Regent's.

3.8. Alumni mentoring

Regent's Mentoring Programme connects students with professional alumni, to help nurture and guide students to graduation and beyond. The programme is open to final-year undergraduate, postgraduate and research students. Students are paired with one of our alumni (or a friend of Regent's) who can share their industry experience. Students can gain a highly valuable understanding of the skills, knowledge, networks, career progression and experience relevant to a particular industry or sector.

3.9. Student ambassador programme

Regent's Student Ambassador scheme is currently managed by Regent's Global Channels department. It offers students the opportunity to gain valuable paid work experience around their studies and which includes training and ongoing professional development.

3.10. Postgraduate progression scholarship

To support progression to postgraduate studies we offer all undergraduates at Regent's a discount should they wish to continue their studies with us at the University.