**Shraddha Chaudhary, Assistant Director (Culture and Inclusion) explains the importance of the project**

Hello! My name is Shraddha Chaudhary, and I lead the University’s work on Culture and Inclusion.

I’m putting this video together to encourage as many of you as possible, our students and alumni, to get involved in this important study to help develop our understanding of Neurodiversity, Disability and Support needs for our international students further. I came to the UK as an international student myself so do recognise that some of these terms might need a bit of explaining. If you’d like more information on how we define disabilities, but also on what we’re trying to do with this project, please do check out our website.

It can be tough to feel safe in sharing some of these experiences but please be assured that it’s only through sharing and talking about disabilities and neurodiversity that we can tackle stigma, increase awareness, and ensure that everyone gets the right support. This survey, based on your experiences, will help us in developing information that we can then share with those in positions of influence, like Vrinda and myself, and for them to take action on making Universities more neurodiversity and disability inclusive for current and prospective international students.

It will only take 10 minutes of your time, and your thoughts and opinions will inform the work and again, help shape a positive experience for students for years to come.