Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Sunderland College

UKPRN: 10001475

TEF Silver

This award was made in June 2017 and is valid for up to three years.

The TEF Panel reviewed the provider metrics and provider submission according to the process and criteria specified in the TEF guidance.

The College metrics, supplemented by the submission, indicate that full-time students achieve outstanding progression to highly skilled employment or further study that is notably above benchmark. Progression to employment for part-time students is very high, however, the progression to highly skilled employment or further study is significantly below benchmark particularly for young, white male students. The metrics indicate full-time first degree students are satisfied with academic support and assessment and feedback, at levels below the College's benchmark. These indicators are partially addressed through the provider's submission.

The Panel considered all the information in the provider's submission in relation to the TEF criteria and its judgement reflects in particular, evidence of:

- excellent personalised support to students to secure high levels of engagement and commitment to learning and study, including providing an individual higher education tutorial plan, which tracks and monitors the development of their higher education skills
- sufficient levels of stretch and progression tailored to individual student needs supported by bespoke sessions to develop academic skills
- well-developed student engagement activities which inform the curriculum and its development
- strategic investment in the physical and digital resources that are used by students to further learning
- an embedded culture which facilitates and recognises excellence in teaching through use of student feedback, peer observation, graded observations, staff induction and the use of Innovation and Development Practitioners linked to positive outcomes of improved observation scores.

Overall, the TEF Panel judged that the combination of evidence in the provider metrics and the provider's submission best fits the descriptor for a Silver award.

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