Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Staffordshire University

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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 provider metrics supplemented by the submission indicate that students continue with their studies and progress to employment/highly skilled employment or further study at levels below the provider's benchmark in the majority mode. The metrics indicate high levels of student satisfaction with assessment and feedback in the majority mode and above benchmark for retention in the minority mode.

The Panel considered the University submission in relation to the TEF criteria and its judgment reflects in particular, additional evidence of:

- the introduction of a number of initiatives to develop graduate employability skills, close the regional skills gap and provide opportunities for employment and further study
- course design and assessment practices which provide high levels of stretch that enable most students to make progress
- a strategic approach to the development of its resources through its Campus Transformation Project, which has led to significant investment in the physical and digital resources used by students to further their learning
- students who are occasionally engaged with developments from the forefront of research, scholarship or practice, which are supported by engagement in research discussions and practice-based learning
- an institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching, which has been implemented through the University's engagement with the Higher Education Academy, the development of student-led Teaching Awards and the appointment of internal Teaching Excellence Fellows.

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

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