Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

The University of Bolton

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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 most students achieve good outcomes. Student satisfaction with assessment and feedback is notably above benchmark. Although the University is significantly below benchmark for non-continuation and employment or further study for full-time students, the submission identifies the student demographic and the challenging local employment context, and provides excellent examples of initiatives that are addressing this through engagement with local organisations and employment-related skills development.

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

- high quality educational resources developed through targeted investment in learning facilities and the digital environment
- provider development of an institutional culture that facilitates, recognises, and rewards excellent teaching
- the provision of professionally relevant courses that actively engage with employers, and embed employability into the curriculum through a range of high quality initiatives
- excellent support for students from disadvantaged backgrounds
- good examples of engaging students in curriculum.

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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