Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

The University of Reading

UKPRN: 10007802

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 achieve excellent outcomes. Very high proportions continue with their studies and progress to employment or further study, and to highly skilled employment. The metrics indicate very high levels of student satisfaction with teaching on my course and academic support. There are also high levels of satisfaction with assessment and feedback although at levels below the provider benchmark for some groups of students. The Panel deemed this was partially addressed by the provider submission.

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

- a consistent approach to facilitating student progression through a range of employability initiatives highly valued by employers, including PSRB accreditation, careers support, a dedicated Centre for Entrepreneurship, and the Reading Experience and Development Award
- high levels of personalised learning and retention which secure high levels of engagement and commitment to learning from students, including group based study skills support, and the widespread use and support of student peer mentoring
- an established institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching through processes of promotion and annual review criteria
- high-quality physical and digital resources, with particularly consistent use of the virtual learning environment and effective integration of student support services with academic provision
- consistent engagement of students with developments from the forefront of research, scholarship and practice, with most final year undergraduates supported by Engage in Research web resources.

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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