Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Bath Spa University

UKPRN: 10000571

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 the University achieves excellent outcomes for its students from all backgrounds with regards to teaching, and assessment and feedback. The metrics indicate very high levels of student satisfaction with teaching. The Panel deemed that progression to highly skilled employment or further study in the majority provision of full-time students, which is substantially below benchmark, is partly explained in the submission.

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

- course design and assessment practices that provide high levels of rigour and stretch
- the use of industry advisers in the course approval process to ensure that the curriculum has embedded subject-pecific employability skills
- personalised teaching, the availability of a personal tutor, peer mentoring, and independent study that provide rigour and stretch
- a strategic commitment to positive outcomes for all that has seen the introduction of a number of supporting mechanisms to help students access and remain on programmes
- investment in physical and digital resources supported by a team of Learning Technologists, that demonstrably enhances student engagement
- an institutional culture which facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching, and supports both staff who are new to teaching and qualified teachers.

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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