Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Loughborough University

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TEF Gold

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 from all backgrounds achieve consistently outstanding outcomes. This is evidenced by consistently strong performance in the core metrics, in particular with regard to retention and progression to highly skilled employment or further study. Satisfaction with teaching on my course, assessment and feedback, and academic support are notably above benchmark.

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

- opportunities for students to undertake industrial, professional or international placements, combined with employer input and engagement ensured through programmes
- specific and dedicated staff resource that is allocated to provide in-depth careers guidance, employability and skills development, and placement and work-based learning support for students
- a culture of personalised learning that ensures that all students are significantly challenged to achieve their full potential and acquire knowledge, skills and understanding that are research-led and most highly valued by employers
- students' agreement about their contribution to the close partnership between the University and Students' Union, which ensures that students take charge of their experiences with academic and co-curricular opportunities that can enhance their learning while preparing them for the world beyond the University
- a comprehensive pastoral and academic tutorial programme that enables and maximises retention, progression and attainment
- an embedded culture of reward and recognition for teaching and learning, which is linked to promotion criteria. Teaching is celebrated through a number of internal and student-led teaching awards with an emphasis on learning and teaching informed by research
- outstanding physical and digital resources for students, with strategically driven investments decided in collaboration with students and stakeholders.

For further information see: www.hefce.ac.uk/TEFoutcomes

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