Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

East Durham College

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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 in full-time majority mode very high proportions of students from a range of backgrounds continue with their studies and progress to highly skilled employment or further study, notably exceeding the provider's benchmark. The metrics indicate very high levels of student satisfaction with teaching, assessment and feedback, and academic support. For part-time students, the provider is notably above benchmark for academic support for students from a range of backgrounds.

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

- an employment strategy based around local recruitment to serve the identified needs of local employers
- established approaches with regard to staff training and development, and teacher education programmes that facilitate excellent teaching
- availability of additional qualifications, curricula with embedded employability skills and staff professional experience, providing students with skills valued by employers
- personalised approaches to teaching including student learning mentors and one-to-one skills tuition that supports excellent levels of continuation.

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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