Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

The School of Oriental and African Studies

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TEF Bronze

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 metrics indicate that most students achieve good outcomes. High levels progress to employment, highly skilled employment or further study. The School is below benchmark for students' continuation with studies. The Panel deemed that this was partially addressed in the provider submission. The metrics indicate very high levels of student satisfaction with teaching. However, student satisfaction with assessment and feedback, and academic support, are notably below the provider's benchmark. The Panel deemed that this was partially addressed in the provider submission.

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

- adequate student contribution to the design and review of programmes
- sufficient levels of personalised student learning, including the developing Student Ambassadors scheme to support the personal development of students from disadvantaged backgrounds
- initiatives aimed at increasing retention for most students, including bridging courses for mature learners and students from Low Participation Neighbourhoods or those who are the first in their family to progress to university
- appropriate support for undergraduate employability through the Microplacements scheme
- the presence within the School of high quality learning facilities, including the National Research Library specialising in the study of Asia, Africa and the Middle East
- good student access to the Bloomsbury Learning Environment for developing knowledge and understanding.

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

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