Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

South Devon College

UKPRN: 10005977

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, demonstrate that the College has a culture of excellent teaching and learning, which is reflected through consistently outstanding metrics for teaching on my course, assessment and feedback, and academic support. The provider metrics also indicate highly skilled employment outcomes notably above benchmark, and the submission explains how the College supports all of its students to achieve positive outcomes.

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 exemplary approach to teaching contact hours, reflecting the need for increased contact in the transition stages, and developing greater independence in students as they progress
- an excellent educational culture to ensure that staff have development opportunities to support them in delivering excellent HE teaching
- exemplary processes for the development, review and enhancement of its educational provision, and doing so in partnership with its student body, employers, and other local stakeholders
- strong student engagement, that is linked to recognising that the student voice is critical and is considered at early stages in the delivery of modules
- excellent employability support, with a focus on ensuring that all students achieve positive outcomes.

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.

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