Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Heriot-Watt University

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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 University metrics, supplemented by the submission, indicate that students achieve excellent outcomes, especially with regards to progression into highly skilled employment and further study which is significantly above the University's benchmark. These excellent outcomes include students from disadvantaged backgrounds. The metrics also indicate very high levels of student satisfaction with teaching, academic support, and assessment and feedback.

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

- course design and assessment practices that provide scope for high levels of stretch and are directly informed by research activity
- positive student engagement and the implementation of retention strategies aimed at improving the student experience
- a successful approach to developing employability that is underpinned by strong engagement with employers and professional bodies
- an institutional approach to the creation of high quality physical and digital learning resources to support learning and teaching, which is positively received by students
- an institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching with a commitment to the professional development of teaching staff.

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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