Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

University of St Mark & St John

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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 the University achieves excellent outcomes for the majority of students. There are high levels of student satisfaction and progression to employment or further study, in line with the University's benchmarks.

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

- the acquisition of knowledge, skills and understanding that are valued by local employers through extensive partnerships which provide access to professional settings and professional practitioners
- appropriate levels of contact time on courses, and a personalised approach to delivery that promotes good engagement
- course design and assessment practices which provide scope for high levels of stretch
- a strategic approach to the development of its resources through the University's Smart Campus Project and the significant investment in physical and digital resources used by students to further their learning
- pedagogic scholarship which supports ongoing improvement in teaching methods with a focus on discipline-based research, scholarship of learning and teaching and development of practitioner expertise
- engagement with the Higher Education Academy and the development of Learning and Teaching awards.

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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