Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Truro and Penwith College

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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 College metrics, supplemented by the submission, indicate that students from all backgrounds achieve consistently outstanding outcomes, in particular with regard to progression to highly skilled employment or further study by full-time students.
The non-continuation metrics for full-time students are below benchmark, but this is fully addressed through the provider submission and the continuation metrics for part-time students are very high. The metrics indicate outstanding levels of satisfaction with assessment and feedback, and academic support, notably exceeding the provider's benchmark and underpinned by strategic planning.

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

- a comprehensive and embedded approach to student engagement in course development and enhancement, which is a particular strength
- a range of effective initiatives and processes that ensure students achieve their full potential by providing outstanding personalised support throughout their studies, supporting transitions into HE, increasing top-up opportunities, and effective identification of at-risk students
- student engagement in professional practice, including one-to-one employability advice tailored to student needs
- an embedded culture that facilitates, rewards and recognises excellent teaching, with structured support for staff development and schemes of awards in recognition of achieving relevant higher education qualifications
- high quality physical and digital resources which are used by students to enhance learning.

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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