Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

South & City College Birmingham

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TEF Silver

This award was made in June 2017 and is valid for up to one year.

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 students from all backgrounds achieve excellent outcomes in relation to employment or further study and highly skilled employment or further study, which are notably above benchmark for both majority and minority provision. However, the metric for non-continuation for the majority mode provision is notably below benchmark. The panel deemed this was partly dressed in the provider submission.

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

- course design which provides high levels of stretch to enable most students to progress and develop transferable and professional skills, with curriculum design having input from employers and students
- teaching observations which are conducted by a dedicated observation team as well as support from teaching and learning coaches, supported by Accelerate, Aspire, and Innovation programmes, which contribute to a recently implemented institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching
- knowledge, skills and attributes acquired by students that are valued by employers and that enhance their professional lives, delivered through paid work experience live site visits, live projects, and the support offered to workplace mentors by academic staff
- a comprehensive estates strategy, which contributes to high quality physical and digital resources which are used by students to enhance learning, as evidenced by a dedicated higher education centre, and investments made in information technology and specialist resources for specific disciplines.

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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