Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

University of Hertfordshire

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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 provider achieves consistently outstanding outcomes for its students from all backgrounds. The provider is below benchmark on assessment and feedback, which the provider attributes in part to the challenging nature of assessment designed to promote employability, such as group work and placements. Very high proportions continue with their studies and progress to employment or further study, notably exceeding the provider's benchmarks.

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

- support for students, many of whom have a relatively low achieved entry tariff, that enables excellent outcomes
- the effectiveness of initiatives that enable progression to highly skilled employment or further study to be achieved by students from a range of backgrounds
- the embedding of staff development within the culture and practice of the institution
- substantial investment to provide a high quality physical and digital learning environment designed to support student exposure to specialist, industry-standard resources
- an effective institutional commitment to widening participation and student success including targeted support for a large number of eligible students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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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