Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Harper Adams University

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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 provider metrics, supplemented by the submission, indicate that students from all backgrounds achieve excellent outcomes. Very high proportions continue with their studies and progress to employment, highly skilled employment or further study, notably exceeding the provider benchmarks. The metrics also indicate outstanding levels of satisfaction for students from all backgrounds with teaching on my course and academic support, which are notably above benchmarks, and very high levels of satisfaction for assessment and feedback.

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

- a strategic and inclusive approach that supports student learning, achievement and welfare throughout the student journey, including the year in industry programme and a stretching final-year research project
- outstanding personalised provision, including the use of Learner Support teams to support the transition into higher education
- excellent teaching and assessment practices that provide scope for outstanding levels of stretch and enable students to acquire knowledge, skills and attributes that are valued by employers
- the embedding of a Professional Scholarship Programme into all undergraduate programmes to enable students to develop their academic and research skills
- sustained and strategic investment in sector-leading physical and digital resources of the highest quality, including the Agricultural Engineering Innovation Centre, and the National Centre for Precision Farming
- an embedded university-wide culture that facilities, recognises and rewards excellent teaching.

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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