Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

De Montfort 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 consistently outstanding outcomes, in particular with regard to employment and highly skilled employment or further study, and assessment and feedback.

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

- employability that is embedded into the curriculum, with each faculty having specific and dedicated staff resource to help students with careers guidance and placements
- volunteering through the 'DMU Square Mile', which is focused on local changes to make a significant contribution to the social and economic development of its city
- research that is fed into the curriculum through a focus on application to real-world settings and research-led work placements
- a comprehensive strategy of support for retention throughout the student journey from pre-arrival to graduation
- optimum levels of contact time and stretch, including outstanding personalised provision that secures the highest levels of engagement and active commitment to learning and study from students
- outstanding support for students' learning, involving them in changes to support assessment methods and teaching delivery
- excellent physical and digital resources that are actively and consistently used to enhance learning, retention and employability
- an institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching through a variety of methods, including the Teaching Innovation Project (TIP), which supports teaching staff in developing projects that develop innovative teaching and learning practices, including pedagogic research.

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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