Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Guildhall School of Music & Drama

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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 students achieve excellent outcomes. Very high proportions of students continue with their studies and progress to employment or further study, or highly skilled employment or further study, which is considerably above benchmark. While the School is below benchmark for assessment and feedback, the Panel deemed this had been largely addressed by the provider submission which outlined a strategic four-point approach to assessment and feedback. The metrics indicate very high levels of student satisfaction with teaching and academic support.

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

- personalised learning provision including intensive training programmes which secure high levels of engagement and commitment to learning and study from students
- course design and assessment practices which provide high levels of stretch and significant challenge and contribute to demonstrable student improvement
- opportunities for most students to engage in real-time projects with a range of professional partners that facilitate positive employment outcomes
- a culture of peer exchange and feedback that is encouraged at the provider
- a range of electives on offer, which allow students to tailor programmes of study to their interests and needs
- outstanding physical and digital resources which are used and valued by students to enhance learning
- the implementation of an institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching, including a well developed Community of Practice.

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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