Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Birkbeck College

UKPRN: 10007760

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 College metrics indicate that students from all backgrounds achieve outstanding outcomes in terms of progression to employment, highly skilled employment or further study, notably exceeding the College's benchmark. Most students are satisfied with assessment and feedback and academic support, but at levels below the College's benchmark. The Panel deemed this was partially addressed by the provider submission.

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

- a range of strategic initiatives which contribute to positive outcomes for cohorts of students who would not otherwise engage with higher education, including unique provision of on-site programme delivery in the evenings
- programmes designed to support students from diverse backgrounds to gain knowledge and achieve their full potential through a curriculum which is at the forefront of research
- ongoing implementation of strategic initiatives, some externally funded, to enhance retention for mature returners to higher education
- systematic monitoring of student engagement by the College in order that personalised support can be offered to students such that they are able to fully engage and commit to their studies
- implementation of an institutional culture which facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching, including targeted staff development initiatives.

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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