Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

West Herts College

UKPRN: 10007417

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. Very high proportions continue with their studies and progress to highly skilled employment or further study, notably exceeding the provider's benchmark. The metrics indicate outstanding levels of satisfaction with academic support, and assessment and feedback, which also exceed benchmark.

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

- the centrality of employability including work experience and work-based learning in all higher education courses that enables students to acquire knowledge, skills and understanding that are most highly valued by employers; work-based learning is typically completed in close collaboration with local and regional employers
- a fully embedded College-wide culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching; all higher education teaching staff at the College are required to hold a teaching qualification or be working towards achieving one, and undertake professional development that is provided both internally and externally
- the College's integrated approach to academic and personal support systems which facilitates highly personalised learning across the provider
- the adoption of a wide range of assessment practices, including live briefs linked to local employers, which encourage students to demonstrate breadth of learning and involve them with developments at the forefront of professional 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 Gold award.

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