Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

The Royal Agricultural University

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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, with levels of progression into highly skilled employment or further study being above the provider's benchmark for most student groups. Very high proportions of students continue with their studies with notably above benchmark performance for most student groups. The metrics indicate a level of satisfaction with teaching, and assessment and feedback, which is notably below the provider's benchmark and which is partially addressed by the provider in the 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:

- employer informed course design, work placements and extra-curricula opportunities for practical and enterprise skills development leading to knowledge, skills and attributes that are highly valued by employers
- high quality rural estate and specialist facilities that are used by students and which support their learning
- some student engagement with research and professional practices which enriches the learning environment
- an institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching through teaching awards, and recent appointment of teaching champions.

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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