Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

University of Sunderland

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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 indicate that students achieve excellent outcomes. Students progress to employment or further study; although for some student groups the performance is below the provider's benchmark. While the University is below benchmark for progression to highly skilled employment or further study, the Panel deemed this was partially addressed in the provider submission. High proportions of students continue with their studies and for some groups of students the performance is notably above benchmark. The metrics indicate high levels of student satisfaction with teaching and academic support, with satisfaction for assessment and feedback notably above the provider's 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:

- excellent engagement with employers in course development, which enables students to acquire knowledge skills and attributes that are valued by employers
- exposure of students to professional practice through engagement with industrial and community partners, which enriches the learning environment
- students' academic experiences which are tailored to the individual, with personalised support available for all students and focused support for students with specific needs
- the implementation of an institutional culture that facilitates excellent teaching through a comprehensive professional development programme and funding commitments to support pedagogical 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 Silver award.

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