Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

Plymouth College of Art

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TEF Bronze

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 most students achieve good outcomes. Very high proportions of students continue with their studies. Students progress to employment, highly skilled employment or further study at levels notably below the provider's benchmark. The Panel deemed this was partially addressed by the provider submission. The metrics indicate very high levels of student satisfaction with teaching on my course, academic support, and assessment and feedback.

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

- course design and assessment practices that provide sufficient stretch to ensure students make progress with their studies, supported by engagement from industry
- appropriate employability opportunities through using graduate enterprise, entrepreneurship and live industry briefs
- recognition by students of the strength of professional practice and academic expertise among teaching staff
- a strategic approach to the development of its physical and digital resources, with substantial investments in line with its growth plans and development of the curriculum
- the introduction of an institutional culture of reflection, innovation and improvement for developing the student experience.

Overall, the TEF Panel judged that the combination of evidence in the provider metrics and the provider submission best fits the descriptor for a Bronze award.

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