Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

University of Durham

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TEF Silver

This award was made in June[1] 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 excellent outcomes. Non-continuation rates are commendably low by any measure. The progression of most groups of undergraduates into highly skilled employment is outstanding. Progression to employment or further study by mature students is below benchmark.

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

- a curriculum that is appropriately challenging, providing scope for high levels of stretch, and assessment that is rigorous and fair
- a consistent focus on research informed teaching enabling students to engage with, and consistently be involved in, research and scholarship
- the availability of extensive development opportunities for students beyond the formal curriculum
- a culture that recognises and supports the development of teaching excellence
- high quality physical and digital resources underpinned by significant investment in the library and digital infrastructure, which are used by students to enhance learning.

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.

[1] The Statement of findings for this provider was amended in August 2017, following the conclusion of the appeals process.

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