Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

City College Plymouth

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

- strategic engagement with employers who actively contribute to curriculum development aligned to local demand, that demonstrably enhance students' employability
- an embedded institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching across the institution
- course design and assessment practices which offer stretch and challenge for all students to reflect their full potential
- student academic experiences which are tailored to the individual with personalised learning supported by a tutor system, individual student learning plans and centralised academic support, which maximises rates of retention, attainment and progression
- optimum levels of contact time, which are shown in the submission, giving students scope for extra activity and further academic development
- outstanding physical and digital resources which are effectively and consistently 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 Gold award.

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