

The Teaching Excellence Framework
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Background:

The Teaching Excellence Framework – or TEF is a new system introduced by the government to measure ‘teaching excellence’. ‘Teaching excellence’ will be measured using student survey results, dropout rates and graduate outcomes and earnings which don’t take into account a student’s personal situation, wealth, access needs and the race and gender pay gap.

Universities will be given a rating of bronze, silver or gold according to how well they score in the TEF. How well a university scores will affect how much they can charge in tuition fees. The higher they score, the more they can increase their fees.

Taking part in the TEF is optional and so are the fee increases. But so far the University of Salford has indicated that they will be increasing fees if they can.

We think that excellent teaching is more than just statistics

Actions:

1. We will engage students in discussions about the TEF and ask them what they think excellent teaching is. After gathering student feedback we will present our findings to the University.
2. We will demand that the University do not take part in the TEF.
3. We will demand that the University do not raise tuition fees.