

Environmental Scan

1. **Institution** Deakin University
2. **Contact Person (and contact details)**
3. **Name of Program/Initiative** – Deakin University Partnership and Participation Program (DUPPP)
Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Support Bursaries
 - 3.1 **URL:** <http://www.deakin.edu.au/scitech/future/wil/scholarships.php>
 - 3.2 **Start Date/Duration:** Program commenced in April 2011 and still going
4. **Brief outline of program** - To assist students from low SES backgrounds to derive maximum graduate outcomes from WIL placements through the development of a support program (Bursary) that helps them secure suitable placements and develop employability and career management skills whilst easing the financial pressure associated with undertaking a Work Integrated Learning (WIL) placement.
5. **Purpose/Aims** - Students from low SES backgrounds face a number of barriers to full participation in the range of Work Integrated Learning opportunities available through their courses. Loss of income from paid employment is a significant issue, as are the costs associated with undertaking the placement, particularly if these involve extensive travel or living away from home. The DUPPP WIL Support Bursaries also aims to improve the graduate outcomes in WIL placement programs that link students with potential employers.
6. **Breadth of program** The DUPPP WIL Support Bursaries program is available to domestic students in all Faculties who have a WIL unit available to undertake as part of their course. The faculties currently organize and support the formal practicum, work placement, clinical placement and internship programs. The purpose of the DUPPP Bursary is to ease the financial pressure of students from low SES backgrounds and who are financially disadvantaged to undertake a discipline specific Work Integrated Learning placement.
7. **Category (please select all that apply and provide explanation where necessary)**

Category	Y?	Explanation
Policy	Y	<p>The Bursary is funded by the Federal Government and Deakin has been allocated a portion of funds to assist students who undertake a WIL placement as part of their degree. WIL plays a valuable role in preparing students for graduate employment by giving them an opportunity to apply and consolidate knowledge gained in their course.</p> <p>The DUPPP WIL Support Bursaries are open to domestic students who are Australian or NZ citizens, Permanent Residents or Permanent Humanitarian Visa. Students are required to enrol in a WIL unit corresponding to their degree before undertaking the</p>

		placement.
Curriculum		
Program		
Other (please specify)		

8. Resources (optional – we are trying to determine what sort of resourcing is necessary to make the initiative work)

8.1 Start-up budget: Initial budget of \$150,000

8.2 Ongoing budget: Bursary available in 2012 is \$200,000

9. Outcomes

9.1 Uptake: 2011 – 58 successful recipients of the DUPPP WIL Support Bursaries.

2012 currently processing applications – final number will be determined at the end of 2012.

9.2 Evaluation(s) conducted to date - Informal or formal) – and details of findings:

9.3 Evidence of success: Each student who received the DUPPP WIL Support Bursary is asked to complete a Student Evaluation Form and the majority of students have commented on how useful the bursary has been to assist them financially whilst on a WIL placement.

9.4 Evaluation(s) planned (and dates for this/these):

9.5 Major challenges:

9.6 Other (Please specify):

10. Publications/Reports (including links to those publically available)