Environmental Scan

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3. **Name of Program/Initiative**
   
   CSU Equity Scholarship (CSUES)

   3.1 **URL:** http://www.csu.edu.au/division/studserv/my-studies/equity/schols
   
   3.2 **Start Date/Duration:** Ongoing, commenced 2005.

4. **Brief outline of program**
   
   The CSU Equity Scholarships Program aims to assist students from low socio-economic backgrounds, particularly those from rural and regional areas and Indigenous students, with costs associated with higher education. Value of Scholarship is $2,000 and 330 CSUES made available to CSU students in 2011.

5. **Purpose/Aims**
   
   Provide Scholarships to CSU students in their first undergraduate degree who are either on a means-tested Centrelink Benefits or can prove low socio-economic circumstances. Priority given to students who meet this criteria and are from a rural or remote area of Australia or meet other equity groups criteria, i.e. disability, long term illness, non English speaking background.

6. **Breadth of program**
   
   University wide for low socio-economic student’s scholarship programme.

7. **Category (please select all that apply and provide explanation where necessary)**

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8. **Outcomes**

8.1 **Uptake:** 330 CSUES allocated 201 – full allocation of quota.

8.2 **Evaluation(s) conducted to date – (Informal or formal) – and details of findings:** Informal evaluation of students finds that the $2,000 scholarships is very useful and helps the students a great deal with University expenses.

8.3 **Evidence of success:**

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

8.5 **Major challenges:**

8.6 **Other (Please specify):**

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