

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)**

| Category | Y? | Explanation |
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| Policy | | |
| Curriculum | | |
| Program | Y | Ongoing Equity Scholarship programme. |

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| Other (please specify) | | |
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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)