# Existing and emerging equity scholarships schemes  Feb 2015.

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| 1. **Indigenous**  
Commonwealth Scholarships - existing, funded by Govt. Called the ‘Commonwealth Scholarship Program’ | Low-SES Indigenous students | - Nelson reforms 2004  
- 5 types  
- $5,000 to $2,500 | - Universities administer using detailed guidelines.  
- Numbers determined by an annual bidding process with PM&C Dept |
| 2. **Commonwealth Scholarship – Relocation** - existing, funded by Govt. | Low-SES rural students | - Previously the 2004 C’wealth Accommodation Scholarship (CAS)  
- change of name in 2010  
- $4,700 - $1067  
- numbers reduced for 2015 by legislation | - previously administered by universities; by Centrelink since 2010.  
- goes to those who are on YA or Austudy and meet relocation criteria |
| 3. **Commonwealth Scholarship – Start-up – existing**, funded by Govt | Low-SES students | - Previously the 2004 C’wealth Education Costs Scholarship (CECS)  
- change of name in 2010  
- $2050  
- Legislation proposes conversion to a loan | previously administered by universities; by Centrelink since 2010.  
- goes to those who are on YA or Austudy |
| 4. **Institutional** scholarships - existing, funded by universities and/or base HEPPP | Mainly low-SES, Indigenous, and rural | - Funded through institutional resources and philanthropic effort  
- Each university has its own scheme  
- Some have topped up their scholarship numbers with base HEPPP funds since 2010, or created new schemes  
- from 2016, some universities may not get base HEPP grants (HEPAPP). | Universities, (sometimes in collaboration with TACs for commencing students.) |
| 5. **Institutional** (‘New Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme’) - proposed, funded by students via higher course fees | Awaiting Guidelines – likely to be low-SES including rural | - Current HERRA Bill  
- 1 dollar in every 5 of undetermined fee increases  
- can be spent on scholarships, outreach or support, similar to HEPP | Universities, using guidelines – TBC - ‘Commonwealth Grant Scheme Guidelines’ |
| 6. **Institutional** (‘HEP Scholarship Fund’), proposed, funded by Govt. | Awaiting guidelines – ‘needs-based’ | - Current HERR Amendment Bill  
- unknown $ amount  
- only universities above the ‘proportion’ threshold to receive grant | Universities – using ‘needs-based’ guidelines TBC |