

INTRODUCTION

This report covers the operation in all participating countries of the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan during the period 1 April 1981 to 31 March 1982.

The Report has been prepared by the Association of Commonwealth Universities for publication by the Commonwealth Secretariat. It has been compiled, like earlier Reports, from information provided by the Commonwealth Scholarship agencies, and consists of statements commenting on the working of the Plan in their respective countries and of Appendices giving details and statistics relating to certain aspects of the Plan. Following this introduction there is a general section entitled "Administration of the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan" which discusses the overall working of the Plan.

The Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan was drawn up at the first Commonwealth Education Conference held at Oxford in 1959. The general basis of the Plan is that those Commonwealth Governments which are able to do so should institute Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowships to be held by men and women from other Commonwealth countries at universities and other institutions of higher learning in the awarding country. The progress and development of the scheme have been reviewed at successive Commonwealth Education Conferences at New Delhi in 1962, Ottawa in 1964, Lagos in 1968, Canberra in 1971, Kingston in 1974, Accra in 1977, and Colombo in 1980.

Definitions set out in the first Annual Report and confirmed by the New Delhi, Ottawa and Lagos Conferences for use in reports and statistics are given below. Two definitions were added in the third Annual Report to the original list and a few verbal changes have also been made:

institution of awards: when a country has by a government decision made financial provisions etc. for Scholarships or Fellowships under the Plan for study by citizens of other Commonwealth countries in its own country it is said to have instituted awards;

awarding country: a country which has instituted awards is known as an awarding country;

submission of nominations: when a country has forwarded a short list of recommended candidates from its own country for final consideration in an awarding country it is said to have nominated them;

nominating country: any country invited to submit nominations;

award offered: is an award which has actually been offered by the awarding country to a specific candidate nominated by another country. This phase does not apply to the invitation to another country by an awarding country to submit nominations;

awards accepted: is an award which has been accepted by the candidate to whom it was offered, whether yet taken up or not;

award taken up: is an award which has been utilized to the extent that the Scholar has actually commenced study under the Plan in the awarding country;

awards made available: when an awarding country has instituted a fixed number of awards it makes a proportion of them available each year for new selections;

set of awards: when an awarding country makes available a group of awards tenable from a date common to the group as a whole the awards are known as a set of awards and may be referred to by the name of the awarding country and the calendar year in which they are tenable. Thus awards tenable in Nigeria from September 1982 are referred to as Nigeria 1982, and awards tenable in Australia from March 1983 are referred to as Australia 1983.

On the following page will be found the Questionnaire to which each country was asked to respond.

The Association of Commonwealth Universities

COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN

Annual Questionnaire for Report - Part I General

1. Please give a statement on the working of the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan in your country between 1 April 1981 and 31 March 1982. The statement may relate to any aspect of the progress of the Plan which you feel is relevant, but it would be helpful if it covered in particular the following, where appropriate:
 - (a) any additions or changes that have taken place since 1 April 1981 in the machinery set up for the administration of the Plan in your country, including any changes in the title or address of your Commonwealth Scholarship agency;
 - (b) any additions or changes, including any alteration in the scope of existing programmes and the institution of any new awards, that have been introduced into the general working of the Plan in your country since 1 April 1981. If you have instituted new awards, please give a description of the emoluments, conditions of award, place and length of tenure, general criteria for selection, methods of application and selection, etc;
 - (c) comments on the operation of the Plan from the standpoint of, first, a NOMINATING and, second - if applicable - an AWARDING country. We are particularly interested in any comments you may wish to make on such topics as length of awards, leave of absence for Scholars in government or university service, and to know whether you think that the Plan should remain principally a scheme for postgraduate university study or whether you think that there is a need to adapt the Plan to support more undergraduate studies and training for professional or technical qualifications;
 - (d) any comments on the return of Commonwealth Scholars to your country, particularly on the benefit and relevance of their studies overseas both to them and to the institutions in which they are now working.
2. We should be glad to know whether any official report on the operation of the Plan in your country for this or any other year has been, or is to be, published; and, if so, what its title and scope is. Please enclose a copy where available.

It would be helpful if your answers to the above questions could be in the form of a continuous prose statement suitable for publication with a minimum of editing.

PLEASE REPLY HERE:-

Completed by Country Date

Official designation of your Commonwealth Scholarship agency (eg. Public
Service Commission):.....

Full Address:

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Note: The replies to this questionnaire, when completed, should be sent as
soon as possible, but not later than 30 April 1982 to:

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