

The Plan was conceived at the Montreal Trade and Economic Conference held in 1958. The general outlines of the scheme were established at a conference held at Oxford in 1959 and the academic year 1960-61 marked the first year of operations. At Oxford it was agreed that a thousand scholarships would be made available under the Plan of which number the U.K. was to provide half and Canada one quarter. An amount of \$1 million was made available by the Canadian Government in 1962-63 for this Plan.

The overall responsibility for the Plan in Canada rests with the External Aid Office which also undertakes the administration of its financial aspects. The Canadian Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Committee, which is composed of members from representative universities across Canada, advises on and assists with the academic aspects of the program and arranges for the selection and placing of scholars in Canadian universities. The Canadian Universities Foundation provides secretariat services for the Committee.

The number of Commonwealth scholars studying in Canada since the inception of the scheme has been as follows:

1960-61	101
1961-62	181
1962-63	220

Approximately 77% of these scholars have come from developing countries: 38% from Asia, 19% from Africa, 13% from the Caribbean area and 7% from other developing Commonwealth areas. During 1963-64 a further increase in the number of students studying in Canada under this Plan is expected.

TABLE A

Allocations Under Canadian
Bilateral Aid Programs
1950 to March 31, 1963

	%
<i>Construction</i>	
Power Plants—Transmission Lines	27.19
Industrial and Research Plants	5.55
Roads—Bridges—Harbours	.58
<i>Equipment</i>	
Locomotives—Road Transport	7.22
Aircraft—Water Vessels	1.72
Agriculture—Forestry	.33
Fisheries—Ports	1.11
Telecommunications—Electronics	.32
Miscellaneous	.02
<i>Surveys</i>	
Ground—Aerial	2.52
<i>Institutions</i>	
Schools—Workshops	1.01
Hospitals—Laboratories	.22
<i>Commodities</i>	
Wheat—Flour	18.36
Metals—Asbestos	19.32
Fertilizers—Pesticides	4.53
Pulp—Paper—Railway Ties	3.44
Miscellaneous	.03
<i>Technical Assistance</i>	4.41
<i>Unallocated to Specific Projects</i>	2.12
Total	100.00