The D. V. Bryant Trust established Bryant Hall on land leased from the University of Waikato in 1971, as a hall of residence for students of the region who were attending the University. Since its inception, Bryant Hall has provided a supportive residential environment for first-year students and has also provided accommodation for a smaller number of senior undergraduate and graduate students who provide tutorial assistance and develop community activities to enrich the academic, cultural and social life of the Hall.

From 2004, Bryant Hall has been owned and operated by The University of Waikato, but the commitment of the D. V. Bryant Trust to providing opportunities for the academic development of students in the Waikato region continues in the form of the D.V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Residential Scholarships.

For more information on student accommodation at the University of Waikato click here

1. **Purpose**

   1.1. The Scholarships are designed to assist school leaver’s who have proven academic potential, whose financial circumstances are severely constrained, or for whom there are other circumstances which make accommodation within a hall of residence environment demonstrably beneficial to their academic progress.

2. **Eligibility**

   2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

   a) be school leavers who qualify for direct entry into an undergraduate degree programme and enrol as a full-time (a full-time academic year comprises of 120 points) student for the first time in the year of tenure¹; and;

   b) commence study in the first semester of the year of tenure; and,

   c) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

   2.2. Preference will be given to those who have attended secondary school within the Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne, or Northland regions.

3. **Value**

   3.1. The Scholarship will be an accommodation credit of up to $7,000, which will be applied to either Bryant Hall or Student Village Halls of Residence fees.

¹ Students who do not gain University Entry but attend the University of Waikato Certificate of University Preparation (CUP) Course, are not eligible for funding while attending CUP. Students can make a request to the Scholarship Panel to consider awarding them a part-scholarship for Semester B of the year of tenure should they successfully complete the CUP course and begin their Bachelor Programme.
4. Application

4.1. The closing date for applications is **1 October 2017 (Round 1)** and **1 March 2018 (Round 2)**.

4.2. Along with completing the online application form, applicants must:
   a) arrange for the completion of the Principal's Assessment form by the Principal, Dean or senior staff member; stating the applicant’s likely academic performance at the University;
   b) arrange a character reference;
   c) attach a copy of their Level 2 NZQA School Results Summary
   d) attach a brief CV (no longer than four A4 pages);
   e) complete the financial hardship questionnaire; and,
   f) provide evidence of any other circumstances that support the application.

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of up to two representatives from the D.V. Bryant Trust, a representative on the University’s Scholarships Committee, and the Associate Director Student Success, (or nominees).

5.2. The selection panel will submit its recommendations for the Scholarships to the Scholarships Executive for final approval.

5.3. The Scholarships Executive’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Awarding

6.1. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer. If an applicant fails to accept the Scholarship within the prescribed period, the offer will lapse.

6.2. The recipient must meet the Scholarship criteria (see clause 2.1.) before the commencement of A semester in the year of tenure.

6.3. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

6.4. The Scholarship will be paid towards accommodation expenses in two lump sums, with the second payment being conditional upon the student passing all first semester papers.

   6.4.1. Students can choose to use the scholarship to pay for all or a portion of the advance payment due in January, and the remaining funds will be paid in two lump sums as referenced in 6.4.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. Successful applicants’ will be required to complete and submit mid-semester self-assessment reports during the year of tenure. Progress will be monitored by the Residential Managers of the halls of residence and the Scholarships Office. If academic or other concerns come to their attention, the applicant may be interviewed and their eligibility for the award reviewed.

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2 Cannot be from the same person who provided the supporting statement or an immediate family member of the applicant.
7.2. The Scholarships Office may liaise directly with the Residential Managers of the Halls of Residence to gain access to any relevant documents provided in support of a Scholarship applicant’s application to enter a hall of residence.

7.3. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarships unless the conditions of the other awards preclude this.

7.4. The Scholarships Executive, may terminate the Scholarship at any time if it is not satisfied that the recipient is following the required programme of study or is not otherwise complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato.

7.5. The holder of a Scholarship will have the right to appeal to the Education Committee against any decision to terminate a Scholarship.