



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. The Scholarship supports those in financial need and is only for students residing in Bryant Hall or Student Village.

For more information on student accommodation at the University of Waikato click [here](#)

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship assists school leavers with proven academic potential, who need financial assistance to attend university and whose academic progress would benefit from accommodation within a hall of residence environment.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:

- 2.1.1 be studying at NCEA Level 3 (or equivalent) towards University Entrance in the year of application.
- 2.1.2 be intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises [120 points](#)) in an undergraduate degree programme,^{1,2} at the University of Waikato for the first time in the year of tenure; and
- 2.1.3 be a New Zealand citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder or Australian citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ.

2.2. Gap year students are **not** eligible for consideration.

2.3. Selection will be based on:

- 2.2.1 academic potential, based on NCEA L2 and/or L3 results;
- 2.2.2 financial need (and/or extraordinary personal circumstances).
- 2.2.3 Preference will be given to students who have not received other funding.

¹ This does not include diplomas, certificates, etc., except for the Diploma in Te Tohu Paetahi. Other recipients whose degree structure requires them to enrol in an alternative programme of study in the year of tenure can request special consideration by completing a Variation Request <https://www.waikato.ac.nz/study/scholarships/scholarship-variation-request-form/>

² 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 (approved by Scholarships Committee) to consider awarding them a part-scholarship for Trimester B of the year of tenure should they successfully complete the CUP course and begin their Undergraduate Degree Programme.

- 2.4. **To ensure ongoing eligibility** and scholarship maintenance recipients must:
- 2.3.1 be accepted into an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure;
 - 2.3.2 enrol full-time in at least two Trimesters of an undergraduate degree in the year of tenure (i.e., 120 points, usually eight papers);
 - 2.3.3 commence study in A Trimester of the year of tenure;
 - 2.3.4 enroll in accommodation in either Bryant Hall or Student Village (standard rooms). Students are guaranteed a space in the Halls of Residence, however, in order to maintain this guarantee, students must complete their Halls or Residence applications, **including payment of the deposit and any other administration costs**³, by the specified application due date(s);
 - 2.3.5 pass all A Trimester papers;
 - 2.3.6 attend a mid-Trimester check in with their Halls Residential Manager; and
 - 2.3.7 attend the D.V. Bryant Residential Scholars Dinner.

3. Value, Awarding and Tenure

- 3.1. The Scholarship will be an accommodation credit of **up to \$10,000**, which will be applied to accommodation fees in **either Bryant Hall or Student Village Halls (standard rooms)**. The amount offered is at the discretion of the Selection Panel and will be based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, financial need and number of eligible applicants.
- 3.2. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum towards accommodation fees at the beginning of A Trimester.
- 3.3. Students may use the Scholarship to pay for all or a portion of the **advance payment due in January** (funds will not be available until after confirmation of UE/NCEA Level 3 results in mid-January).
- 3.4. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 3.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 3.6. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

³ Students are required to pay the Bond and Administration fee. If this isn't possible, contact Accom@waikato.ac.nz in the first instance

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **31 August (Round 1)** and **31 January (Round 2) each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, applicants must provide information on the following:
 - 4.2.1. Financial and/or personal circumstances that may limit ability to study;
 - 4.2.2. Extracurricular activities and community involvement;
 - 4.2.3. Future aspirations and motivation to succeed at university;
 - 4.2.4. (optional) field about other information that might aid the selection panel in their decision making.
 - 4.2.5. Each applicant must request the submission of an online Academic Assessment which is to be completed by the applicant's secondary school. (The school will be contacted directly by the University to obtain this assessment. However, the applicant must also make their school aware of this impending request).
- 4.3. To support the panel decision making process, some additional financial information from the main income earner in the applicant's household would be useful but is not compulsory. Therefore, each applicant is invited to provide the [Household Earner link](#) to this person, and ask that it be completed by the closing date for the current scholarship round.
- 4.4. The University reserves the right to collect further financial evidence if required and to contact any referees.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of a representative from the University's Scholarships Committee (in the Chair) nominated by the Chair of the Scholarship's Committee, the Associate Director of Accommodation and Pastoral Care (or nominee), up to two representatives from the D.V. Bryant Trust and a member of the Waikato Student Union (WSU) team nominated by the General Manager of WSU.
- 5.2. The Selection Panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarships unless the conditions of the other awards preclude this.
- 6.2. Progress will be monitored by the Residential Managers of the recipient's Hall of Residence and the School of Graduate Research - Scholarships.
- 6.3. If a recipient is in receipt of a student allowance, another scholarship, or any type of financial assistance, it is their responsibility to check their entitlement to other income and any tax implications.
- 6.4. Should a recipient withdraw from any papers, without adding sufficient papers to maintain an overall enrolment in a minimum of 120 points for the academic year, the University may ask for the Scholarship to be repaid.
- 6.5. The Scholarships Committee may terminate this Scholarship at any time, and recoup any funds disbursed, if the holder withdraws from the University of Waikato, brings the Scholarship, University or Sponsor into disrepute⁴, or is otherwise not complying with the conditions governing the Scholarship and/or the regulations of the University of Waikato. The holder of a Scholarship shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.
- 6.6. The Scholarship is not refundable to the student under any circumstances.
- 6.7. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any events concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 6.8. The Scholarships Committee has the power to amend or vary these regulations provided that there is no departure from the main purpose of the Scholarship.

⁴ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)