



The University of Waikato Tauranga Campus Residential Scholarship (formerly the Mayfair Court University of Waikato Residential Scholarship) was developed in 2019 for University of Waikato students studying at the Tauranga Campus. The Scholarship coincided with the opening of the University of Waikato's CBD campus in Tauranga in 2019. Accommodation provided by the University provides a supportive environment for its residents. The Scholarship is for students in financial need and is therefore only for students who are or will be residing in accommodation provided by the University of Waikato in Tauranga. For more information on student accommodation at the University of Waikato click [here](#).

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarships assist school leavers and returning University of Waikato students who have proven academic potential, whose financial circumstances are severely constrained, and/or for whom there are other extraordinary circumstances which make accommodation within a University residence demonstrably beneficial to their academic progress.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1. To be eligible **all applicants must:**

- 2.1.1. have financial need and/or extraordinary personal circumstances.
- 2.1.2. be a New Zealand citizen, permanent resident or international student. International students must either be currently completing NCEA Level 3 or have completed at least 120-points of study at the University of Waikato.
- 2.1.3. be intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises of 120-points) in an undergraduate degree programme¹, at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus in the year of tenure²; and
- 2.1.4. **School-leaver applicants** must have achieved academically at NCEA Level 2.
- 2.1.5. **Non school-leaver applicants** must have achieved academically at NCEA Level.
- 2.1.6. **Returning University of Waikato applicants** must have passed all papers in the preceding year of study and have achieved at least a B- average across all previous year(s).

2.2. To maintain eligibility recipients must:

- 2.2.1. commence study in A Trimester of the year of tenure;
- 2.2.2. enroll full-time in the year of tenure; and
- 2.2.3. take the majority of enrolled papers in Tauranga (i.e., over half of all papers).

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/scholarships/scholarship-variation-request>

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 to consider awarding them a part-scholarship for Triemester B of the year of tenure should they successfully complete the CUP course and begin their Bachelor Programme.

2.2.4. see also clause 3.1.1.

2.3. **In selecting recipients** the panel will focus on:

2.3.1. academic readiness;

2.3.2. financial need.

2.3.3. Priority will be given to students who will be new-to-study and those from outside the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. For returning students, priority will be given to those studying at undergraduate level.

2.4. The number of scholarships offered each year is dependent on the total available funding available each year.

3. Value, Award and Tenure

3.1. The Scholarship will be an accommodation credit of **up to \$8,000**, which will be applied to accommodation fees within a University of Waikato Hall of Residence in Tauranga. The scholarship does not cover the deposit and administration fees.

3.1.1 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, period of enrolment, grades, financial needs, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants.

3.1.2 The Scholarship will be paid towards accommodation expenses in two lump sums, with **the second payment conditional on:**

- a. passing all A Trimester papers;
- b. attending a mid-trimester interview with the Tauranga Accommodation Coordinator during the year of tenure. Progress will be monitored by the Tauranga Accommodation Coordinator and the School of Graduate Research - Scholarships.

3.2 Recipients are guaranteed a place in a UOW Tauranga-based Hall of Residence. However, in order to maintain this guarantee students must complete their applications, and pay the deposit and any other administration costs, by the specified application due date(s) outlined on the [Accommodation website](#).

3.3 The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer letter or the offer will lapse.

3.4 In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

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

4. Application

4.1. The closing date for applications is **31 August** and **1 February** annually.

4.2. As part of the online application process, applicants must:

4.2.1. complete the Financial Hardship questionnaire (using the prescribed template)

4.2.2. A brief CV (no longer than two A4 pages);

- 4.3. Applicants should also seek submission of a character reference, which may not be from an immediate family member or friend of the applicant.
- 4.4. **All school-leavers must also request: the submission** of an online Academic Assessment, which is to be completed by staff of the applicant's school (e.g. Principal, Careers Advisor)
- 4.5. The following financial documents:
 - 4.5.1. Your most recent month's bank statement
 - 4.5.2. For school-leavers only, your parents/guardian's most recent month's bank statement;
 - 4.5.3. A copy of your current bank balance, downloaded from the official bank website
 - 4.5.4. A copy of your parents/guardian's current bank balance, downloaded from the official bank website
 - 4.5.5. Other supporting financial documentation showing your family's circumstances (e.g. parent's proof of income, tenancy agreement, mortgage payments).
- 4.6. Please note that the University reserves the right to collect further financial evidence if required and contact any referees; applications will be evaluated by a financial advisor (University appointee) and these evaluations will be used by the Selection Panel during their deliberations.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of a representative from the University's Scholarships Committee selected by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (as Chairperson), the Academic Director – Tauranga, the Associate Director – Student Accommodation, and the Director of Student Services (or nominees).
- 5.2. The Selection Panel may refrain from making any recommendations if it finds no applicant of sufficient merit.
- 5.3. 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. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 6.3. Recipients who take up this Scholarship, and are studying in their first or second year during tenure, are expected to complete at least four trimesters of study at the University of Waikato. Those who withdraw their enrolment before the end of this period will normally be required to pay back the full sum of monies received.
- 6.4. 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 or University into disrepute³, 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

³ See [Student Code of Conduct](#)

shall have the right to appeal to the Scholarships Executive against any decision to terminate the Scholarship.

- 6.5. 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.
- 6.6. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.