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.

1. Purpose

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

2. Eligibility

2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
   a) be enrolled in, or intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises of 120-points) in an undergraduate degree programme (or a 100-Level Diploma), at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus in the year of tenure;
   b) have achieved academically:
      - for school leavers, achieved UE and NCEA Level 2
      - for students studying in the second year or above, a satisfactory level of academic achievement in the preceding year of study;
   c) commence study in the first trimester of the year of tenure; and
   d) be a New Zealand citizen, permanent resident or international students.
      i. International students who are not currently completing NCEA Level 3 must have completed at least 120 points of study at a New Zealand tertiary institution.

3. Value

3.1. The Scholarship will be an accommodation credit of up to $8,000, which will be applied to accommodation fees within a University provided residence in Tauranga. 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 need, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants.

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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 will be **15 October and 1 February** annually.

4.2. Along with completing the online application form, applicants must submit:
   a) A personal statement (using the prescribed template) outlining your financial hardship and/or any other evidence of extraordinary personal circumstances that support your application. Please note that the University reserves the right to collect further financial evidence if required;
   b) A brief CV (no longer than two A4 pages);
   c) All first year student’s that have not already completed an enrolment at UoW must attach a copy of their NCEA School Results Summary; and
   d) A character reference\(^2\).

5. Selection Panel and Criteria

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 Director – Tauranga Campus Development and the Associate Director – Student Accommodation, and the Director Student Services (or nominees).

5.2. Applications may be evaluated by a financial advisor (University appointee), who will make recommendations to the Panel regarding the financial need of applicants.

5.3. In making their decision the Panel will take into consideration financial need and extraordinary personal circumstances. The level of other funding already awarded will also be a key consideration.

5.4. The Scholarships Committee’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 offer. If an applicant fails to accept the Scholarship within the prescribed period, the offer will lapse.

6.2. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the Scholarships Policy.

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 trimester papers.**

6.5. Recipients are guaranteed a place in a UOW Tauranga-based Accommodation.

\(^2\) Cannot be from an immediate family member or friend of the applicant.
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).

a) Students may choose to use the scholarship to pay for all or a portion of any payments, except the deposit/administration fee.

7. Other Conditions

7.1. Successful applicants’ will be required to attend 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.

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

7.3. The School of Graduate Research - Scholarships may liaise directly with the Tauranga Accommodation Coordinator to gain access to any relevant documents provided in support of a Scholarship applicant’s application to enter the residence.

7.4. The Scholarships Committee may terminate an undergraduate scholarship at any time and recoup any funds disbursed if the holder withdraws from the University, brings the Scholarship, University or Sponsor into disrepute, 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.

7.5. Recipients who take up this Scholarship, and are studying in year one or two 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.

7.6. 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.

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

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3 See Student Code of Conduct