



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. Priority will be given to applicants coming from outside the BOP and Waikato regions and to those who are new-to-study and studying at undergraduate level. For more information on student accommodation at the University of Waikato click [here](#).

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarships are designed to 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.
- 2.2. **School-leaver applicants** must also:
 - 2.2.1. be 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 tenure¹; and
 - 2.2.2. have achieved academically at NCEA Level 2; and
 - 2.2.3. gap-year students who will have taken no more than one gap year prior to commencing study may also apply.
- 2.3. **Returning University of Waikato applicants** must also:
 - 2.3.1. Have passed all papers in the preceding year of study and/or have achieved at least a B- average;

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 Triemester B of the year of tenure should they successfully complete the CUP course and begin their Bachelor Programme.

- 2.4. **To maintain eligibility recipients** must:
- 2.4.1. commence study in A Trimester of the year of tenure;
 - 2.4.2. enroll full-time in the year of tenure; and
 - 2.4.3. take the majority of enrolled papers in Tauranga (i.e., over half of all papers).
 - 2.4.4. see also clause 3.1.1.
- 2.5. In selecting recipients, priority will be given to students who will be new-to-study (i.e., school-leavers) and those from outside the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions. For returning students, priority will be given to those studying at undergraduate level.
- 2.6. 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 **\$3,700**, 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 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.
- 3.1.2. 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](#).
- 3.2. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the offer letter or the offer will lapse.
- 3.3. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 3.4. 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 **15 October** and **1 February** annually.
- 4.2. Along with completing the online application form, applicants must submit:
- 4.2.1. The completed 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** arrange for the completion of the Academic Assessment form by the Principal (or nominee), stating the applicant's academic performance at the high school.
- 4.5. The following financial documents:
- a) Your most recent month's bank statement
 - b) Your parents/guardian's most recent month's bank statement
 - c) A verified copy of your current bank balance
 - d) A verified copy of your parents/guardian's current bank balance
 - e) 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 Director – Tauranga Campus Operations, the Associate Director – Student Accommodation, and the Director 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. 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.
- 6.3. 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 disrepute², 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.
- 6.4. Recipients who take up this Scholarship, and are studying in their first or second year

² See [Student Code of Conduct](#)

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.

- 6.5. 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.