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

In 2021, the University marks 50 years of Bryant Hall being in operation, and the DV Bryant Trust marks 100 years of existence. The D.V. Bryant Trust and University of Waikato established the D. V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Returning Student Scholarship in 2021 to provide continued support in the form of an accommodation scholarship for those in financial need. Funds donated through staff payroll giving are also contributing to help students.

There is no application for this Scholarship, Instead, it is by nomination of UOW staff of the Halls of Residence. Up to 20 scholarships will be awarded each year depending on availability of funding and spaces in all of the University's Halls of Residence.

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

1. **Purpose**

   1.1. The Scholarship is designed to assist previous recipients of the D. V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Residential Scholarship who have proven academic potential and for whom accommodation within a self-catered hall of residence environment in their second year of study would be demonstrably beneficial to their academic progress.

2. **Eligibility and Selection Criteria**

   2.1. **To be eligible for consideration** candidates must:

      2.1.1. be a current recipient of the D. V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Residential Scholarship who passed all courses in A Trimester; and

      2.1.2. be nominated by a Residential Life Manager in conjunction with staff in the Accommodation Office.

   2.2. **Selection will be based on**:

      2.2.1. Academic achievement; and

      2.2.2. The nomination details on qualities of character, initiative or leadership, and alignment with the values of the D. V. Bryant Trust, as well as any positive contributions to the halls environment.

      2.2.3. The nominee’s statement about the benefits of being a D. V. Bryant scholar, and need for support in the second year of study.

      2.2.4. Special consideration will be given to those who might not otherwise be able to return to study in their second year due to personal or financial circumstances.

2.3. **To maintain eligibility** recipients must:
2.3.1. enrol as a full-time student (a full-time academic year comprises of 120-points) in the second year of their undergraduate degree-programme at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure;
2.3.2. commence study in A Trimester of the year of tenure;
2.3.3. enrol in accommodation in self-catered Halls of Residence. Students are guaranteed a space in the Halls of Residence and this will be allocated at the time of offer. However, in order to maintain this guarantee students must complete their applications, including payment of the deposit and any other administration costs1, by the specified application due date(s); and
2.3.4. In the year of tenure:
a. attend the welcome event for new-to-study D. V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Residential Scholarship recipients.
b. attend the D. V. Bryant Dinner.
c. provide a short report to the D. V. Bryant Trust outlining what the scholarship means to them and their academic achievements.
d. attend one meeting with Residential Life Managers prior to the start of B Trimester to discuss academic progress and any support needed.

3. Nomination Process
3.1. The closing date for nominations is 01 October each year.
3.2. Nomination: The Residential Life Manager will be provided a list of eligible D. V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Residential Scholarship recipients and will then nominate those who demonstrate qualities of character, initiative, or leadership and show the values of the D. V. Bryant Trust, and who have contributed positively to the halls environment.
3.3. Nominees will be invited to accept the nomination, and if yes, then will have one week to provide a brief supporting statement outlining:
3.3.1. what it means to them to be a D. V. Bryant scholar
3.3.2. their future study and career plans
3.3.3. whether they need support to return to study in their second year due to personal or financial circumstances
3.4. The nominations will be collated and forwarded to the Selection Panel for consideration and endorsement.

1 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. Value, Awarding and Tenure

4.1. The Scholarship will be an accommodation credit of $3,000, which will be applied to the allocated Halls of Residence accommodation fees.

4.2. The Scholarship will be paid in two lump sums towards accommodation expenses at the beginning of A and B Trimesters. The second payment is conditional upon the recipient:
   4.2.1. passing all A Trimester papers; and
   4.2.2. attending the welcome event; and
   4.2.3. attend one meeting with Residential Life Managers prior to the start of B Trimester to discuss academic progress and any support needed.

4.3. Students may use the Scholarship to pay for all or a portion of the advance payment due in January.

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

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

5. Selection Panel

5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of up to two representatives from the D.V. Bryant Trust, a representative from the University’s Scholarships Committee selected by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee, and the Director of Student Services (or nominee).

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 not be held with any early-bird discounts. It may be held in conjunction with any other scholarship, award or prize unless the conditions of the other award preclude this.

6.2. 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.

6.3. Recipients must remain enrolled full-time for the period of tenure. 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.

6.4. Progress will be monitored by the Residential Managers of the recipient’s Hall of Residence and the School of Graduate Research - Scholarships.

6.5. The School of Graduate Research - Scholarships 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.
6.6. 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 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.

6.7. 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.

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

² See Code of Student Conduct