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 therefore 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 Scholarships are designed to assist school leaver’s who have proven academic potential, whose financial circumstances are severely constrained, or for whom there are other extraordinary circumstances which make accommodation within a hall of residence environment demonstrably beneficial to their academic progress.

2. **Eligibility**
   2.1. To be eligible, applicants must:
      a) be school leavers who qualify for direct entry into an undergraduate degree programme (i.e. gain UE at NCEA Level 3) and enrol as a full-time student (a full-time academic year comprises of 120-points) for the first time in the year of tenure; and;
      b) commence study in A Trimester of the year of tenure; and,
      c) be a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident.

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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 (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 Bachelor Programme.
3. **Value**

3.1. The Scholarship will be an accommodation credit of **up to $10,000**, which will be applied to **either Bryant Hall or Student Village Halls of Residence** accommodation fees. 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.

4. **Application**

4.1. The closing date for applications is **1 October (Round 1)** and **7 March (Round 2)** each year.

4.2. Along with completing the online application form, applicants must:

4.2.1. complete Financial hardship questionnaire (using the prescribed template);

4.2.2. arrange for the completion of the Academic Assessment form by the Principal (or nominee), stating the applicants academic performance at high school;

4.2.3. attach a brief CV (no longer than two A4 pages);

4.2.4. applicants should also seek submission of a character reference, which may not be from an immediate family member or friend of the applicant; and

4.2.5. provide the following financial documents attached electronically to the online application form:

   (i) Your most recent month’s bank statement

   (ii) Your parents/guardian’s most recent bank statement

   (iii) A verified copy of your current bank balance

   (iv) A verified copy or your parents/guardian’s current bank balance

   (v) Other supporting financial documentation showing your family’s circumstances e.g. parent’s proof of income, tenancy agreement, mortgage payment.

4.3. 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 and Criteria**

5.1. Applications will be evaluated by a financial advisor, who will make recommendations to the Panel regarding the financial need of applicants.

5.2. 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.

5.3. 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 Student Services (or nominees).

5.4. The Selection Panel’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 the letter of 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 recipient must meet the Scholarship criteria (see clause 2.1.) before the commencement of A Trimester in the year of tenure.

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

6.5. The Scholarship will be paid towards accommodation expenses in two lump sums, with the second payment being conditional upon the student passing all A Trimester papers.

6.4.1. Students may choose to 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), with the remaining funds paid in two lump sums as referenced in 6.5.

6.4.2. Recipients are guaranteed a place in either Bryant Hall or Student Village. However, in order to maintain this guarantee students must complete their applications, including payment of the deposit and any other
administration costs\(^2\), by the specified application due date(s).

7. **Other Conditions**

7.1. Successful applicants' will be required to attend a mid-Trimester interview with their Halls Residential Manager during the year of tenure. Progress will be monitored by the Residential Managers of the recipient's Hall of Residence 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 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.

7.4. Recipients who accept this Scholarship 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.

7.5. 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 disrepute\(^3\), 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.

7.6. 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 events concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

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\(^2\) Students are required to pay the Bond and Administration fee. If this isn’t possible, contact [Accom@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:Accom@waikato.ac.nz) in the first instance

\(^3\) See [Code of Student Conduct](http://example.com/code_of_conduct)