

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.



The D. V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Returning Student Scholarship was established in 2021, 50 years after Bryant Hall began operating and 100 years after the DV Bryant Trust was created. Up to 20 scholarships will be awarded each year depending on availability of funding and spaces in the [University's Halls of Residence](#).

## 1. Purpose

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

## 2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible**, applicants must meet all the following criteria:
  - 2.1.1. be a current recipient of the D.V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Residential Scholarship **or** the D.V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Returning Students Scholarship **and** have met all requirements of the scholarship.
  - 2.1.2. be intending to return to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises [120 points](#)) in an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure.
- 2.2. **Selection is based on** the following criteria:
  - 2.2.1. Academic achievement while studying at the University of Waikato.
  - 2.2.2. Benefit and need for further accommodation support in a university Hall of Residence.
  - 2.2.3. Future study and/or career plans.
  - 2.2.4. Character, initiative and leadership.
  - 2.2.5. Reflection of D.V Bryant Trust values.
  - 2.2.6. Contribution to student life in the halls.
  - 2.2.7. Special consideration will be given to those who might not otherwise be able to return to study in their second/third year due to personal or financial circumstances.
- 2.3. **To maintain eligibility** recipients must meet all following criteria:
  - 2.3.1. enrol as a full-time student (a full-time academic year comprises of 120-points) in 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 (Standard room). Recipients 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 recipients must complete their applications, **including payment of the deposit and any other administration costs<sup>1</sup>**, by the specified application due date(s).
- 2.3.4. **In the year of tenure recipients** must also:
  - a. attend the welcome event for new-to-study D.V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Residential Scholarship recipients.
  - b. pass all A Trimester papers.
  - c. attend the D. V. Bryant Dinner (normally held in May each year).
  - d. attend one meeting with Residential Life Managers early in B Trimester to discuss academic progress and any support needed.
- 2.4. Recipients cannot hold the scholarship in conjunction with a Residential Leader (RL), Residential Team Leader (RTL) or Senior Residential Leader (SRL) position in a Halls of Residence.

### 3. Value, Awarding and Tenure

- 3.1. The Scholarship is an accommodation credit of **\$3,000**, which will be applied to **the allocated Halls of Residence** accommodation fees.
- 3.2. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum towards accommodation expenses at the beginning of A Trimester.
- 3.3. Students may use the Scholarship to pay for all or a portion of the **advance payment due in January**.
- 3.4. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer or the offer will lapse.
- 3.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will:
  - 3.5.1. be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
  - 3.5.2. agree to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

### 4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **15 September** each year.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, applicants (current D.V Bryant Scholars) must provide information on the following:
  - 4.2.1. what it means to be a D.V. Bryant scholar/how they reflect D.V Bryant Trust Values.
  - 4.2.2. future study and career plans.
  - 4.2.3. contribution to student life in the halls, including character, initiative and leadership.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

- 4.2.4. how further accommodation support in the University Halls of Residence will support academic achievement.
- 4.2.5. Contact details of their Residential Life Manager, who will be requested to submit a reference.

## **5. Selection Panel**

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise the Chair of the Scholarships Committee (or nominee) in the Chair, up to two representatives from the D.V. Bryant Trust, and the Associate Director of Student Services (or nominee) and a member of the Waikato Student Union (WSU) team nominated by the General Manager of WSU.
- 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 disrepute<sup>2</sup>, 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.

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<sup>2</sup> See [Code of Student Conduct](#)