



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 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 Scholarship assists school leavers with proven academic potential, who need financial assistance to attend university and whose academic progress would benefit from accommodation within a hall of residence environment.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible**, applicants must meet all following criteria:

- 2.1.1 be studying at NCEA Level 3 (or equivalent) towards University Entrance in the year of application.
- 2.1.2 be intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises [120 points](#)) in an undergraduate degree programme,¹ at the University of Waikato for the first time in the year of tenure.
- 2.1.3 be eligible for domestic fees status (i.e., be a NZ Citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder, or Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ).

- 2.2. Gap year students are **not** eligible for consideration.

- 2.3. **Selection is based on** the following criteria:

- 2.3.1 Academic potential (calculations will be based on the best 80 credits across University Entrance (UE) equivalent subjects at Level 2 and above, from all

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This does not include diplomas, certificates, pathway to undergraduate study through programmes offered by the [University of Waikato College](#), or any programmes of study that are less than 240 points total. Te Tohu Paetahi, is acceptable only where used as a pathway into an undergraduate degree-programme. If a recipient's degree structure requires them to enrol in an alternative programme of study in their first year of study, they can request special consideration by completing the [scholarship variation request form](#).

- years up to and including the year prior to application).
- 2.3.2 financial need (and/or extraordinary personal circumstances).
- 2.3.3 Preference will be given to students who have not received other funding.
- 2.3.4 The panel may wish to give preference to students who have commenced an application to live in the Halls of Residence.

2.4. **To maintain eligibility**, recipients must meet all following criteria:

- 2.4.1 be accepted into an undergraduate degree programme at the University of Waikato in the year of tenure².
- 2.4.2 commence study in A Trimester of the year of tenure.
- 2.4.3 enrol full-time in at least two Trimesters of an undergraduate degree in the year of tenure (i.e., 120 points, usually eight papers).
- 2.4.4 enrol in accommodation in either Bryant Hall or Student Village (standard rooms). Recipients are guaranteed a space in the Halls of Residence, however, to maintain this guarantee, students must complete their Halls or Residence applications, **including payment of the deposit and any other administration costs**³, by the specified application due date(s).
- 2.4.5 attend a mid-Trimester check-in with their Halls Residential Manager.

3. Value, Awarding and Tenure

- 3.1. The Scholarship is an accommodation credit of **up to \$10,000**, which will be applied to accommodation fees in **either Bryant Hall or Student Village Halls (standard rooms)**. The amount offered is at the discretion of the Selection Panel and is based on criteria such as, but not limited to, total available funding, financial need and number of eligible applicants.
- 3.2. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum towards accommodation fees at the beginning of A Trimester.
- 3.3. Recipients may 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).
- 3.4. The Scholarship has a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.
- 3.5. Successful applicants will be advised of the offer of a scholarship via their MyWaikato portal and must accept the offer by the prescribed date or the offer will lapse.
- 3.6. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient:

² Students who enrol in the University of Waikato Certificate of University Preparation (CUP) Course as a pathway into undergraduate study will lose their scholarship. However, students may seek, via a [Scholarship Variation Request](#), to be considered for half the scholarship value from Trimester B in the year of tenure should they successfully complete CUP and begin their Undergraduate Degree Programme. Applications must be received by March each year to be considered.

³ Students are required to pay the Bond and Administration fee. If this isn't possible, contact Accom@waikato.ac.nz in the first instance

- 3.6.1 will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 3.6.2 agrees to participate in any events concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.

4. Application

- 4.1. The Scholarship normally has two rounds for each year of award with closing dates for applications as follows:
 - 4.1.1. **31 August** (Round 1) in the year prior to tenure.
 - 4.1.2. **31 January** (Round 2) in the year of tenure.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
 - 4.2.1. Financial and/or personal circumstances that may limit ability to study.
 - 4.2.2. Extracurricular activities and community involvement.
 - 4.2.3. Explanation on how living in the Halls of Residence will be of benefit.
 - 4.2.4. Future aspirations and motivation to succeed at university.
 - 4.2.5. (optional) any other information that might aid the selection panel in their decision making⁴
- 4.3. To aid in panel deliberations, additional financial information from the main income earner in the applicant's household is strongly recommended. While not compulsory to have household financial information to apply, applications are stronger where evidence is provided. Applicants are advised to provide contact details of the main household earner, who will then be requested to submit information.
- 4.4. An online Academic Assessment will be requested from the applicant's Secondary School. The school will be contacted directly by the University to obtain the assessment. Applicants are encouraged to speak with their school's career advisor (or equivalent) about their report.
- 4.5. The University reserves the right to collect further financial evidence if required and to contact any referees.

5. Selection Panel

- 5.1. The Selection Panel will comprise of a representative from the University's Scholarships Committee (in the Chair) nominated by the Chair of the Scholarship's Committee, the Associate Director Student Accommodation (or nominee), up to two representatives from the D.V. Bryant Trust 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

⁴ If the applicant will require particular assistance such as accessibility while residing in the Halls of Residence, please include details here.

following the selection meeting.

6. Other Conditions

- 6.1. Students are strongly encouraged to attend the D.V. Bryant Residential Scholars Dinner.
- 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. The Scholarship may be held together with any other scholarships unless the conditions of the other awards preclude this.
- 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. 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.
- 6.6. 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 disrepute⁵, 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 scholarship cannot be awarded in cash directly to the student under any circumstances.
- 6.8. 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.

⁵ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)