



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. For more information on student accommodation at the University of Waikato click [here](#). The number of scholarships offered each year is dependent on the total pool of funding available.

## 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The Scholarship assists new and returning students with proven academic potential and community spirit for whom accommodation within a university residence on the Tauranga Campus would benefit their academic progress.

## 2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible for consideration**, applicants must **meet all the following criteria**:
  - 2.1.1. by the withdrawal deadline of A Trimester in the year of tenure, have gained admission to their undergraduate degree programme<sup>1</sup> and be enrolled full-time (a full-time academic year comprises of 120-points) at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus.
  - 2.1.2. the Scholarship is open to everyone (i.e., NZ Citizens, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder, Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ, and international students. However, international students must either have completed NCEA Level 2 and be currently completing NCEA Level 3 **or** have completed at least 120-points of study at the University of Waikato.
  - 2.1.3. **new-to-tertiary-study applicants** must be able to show they have previously achieved academically, whether at **secondary school or another education facility**.
  - 2.1.4. **returning University of Waikato applicants** must have passed all papers in the preceding year of study and have achieved at least a B- average across all previous year(s).
- 2.2. **Selection is based on** the following criteria:
  - 2.2.1. academic readiness.
  - 2.2.2. rationale for studying at the UOW Tauranga, including future aspirations.
  - 2.2.3. level of community involvement and extracurricular activities.

<sup>1</sup>

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](#).

- 2.2.4. preference will be given to:
  - a. new-to-Tertiary-study applicants.
  - b. applicants from outside the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions.
  - c. applicants with financial hardship/extraordinary circumstances.

2.3. **To maintain eligibility recipients must** meet all the following criteria:

- 2.3.1. commence study in A Trimester of the year of tenure towards their undergraduate degree programme.
- 2.3.2. enroll full-time in the year of tenure.
- 2.3.3. take the majority of enrolled papers in Tauranga (i.e., over half of all papers).

### 3. Value, Award and Tenure

- 3.1. The Scholarship is an accommodation credit of **up to \$8,000** and will be applied to accommodation fees within a University of Waikato Hall of Residence in Tauranga.
  - 3.1.1. the scholarship does not cover the deposit and administration fees.
  - 3.1.2. 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 needs, number of credits enrolled, number of applicants.
- 3.1 Recipients are guaranteed a place in a Tauranga-based Hall of Residence. However, in order to maintain this guarantee students must complete their applications, and pay the deposit and any other additional costs, by the specified application due date(s) outlined on the [Accommodation website](#).
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have:
  - 3.3.2 read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
  - 3.3.3 agreed to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 3.4 The Scholarship has 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 **31 August** and **1 February** annually.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, each applicant must provide information on the following:
  - 4.2.1. an explanation of how accommodation at the University of Waikato Tauranga Campus will benefit their academic progress.
  - 4.2.2. an outline of future aspirations and motivation to succeed at university.
  - 4.2.3. a description of extracurricular activities and community involvement.
  - 4.2.4. if applicable, other details that may be of relevance to the panel (e.g., a brief outline of the household's financial status).

- 4.2.5. each applicant must also request the submission of two references, one academic and one character. The character reference must not be from an immediate family member.

## **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), an academic staff member based in Tauranga (as nominated by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee), the Director of Student Services and Pastoral Care (or nominee), and the Halls Manager of the Selwyn Street Studios.
- 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. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 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. Through the School of Graduate Research and Student Services Division, the University monitors students' performance and reserves the right to impose further conditions where a student's conduct is unsatisfactory.
- 6.5. 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 or University 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.
- 6.6. The Scholarship is not refundable to the student under any circumstances, although (in the case of fees payment) a student who withdraws from the University may (under the provisions of the Fees Regulations) apply for a refund of tuition fees paid that were not covered by 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 [Student Code of Conduct](#)