

D. V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Residential Scholarship - 2024



THE UNIVERSITY OF
WAIKATO
Te Whare Wānanga o Waikato

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:

- 2.1.1 be studying at NCEA Level 3 (or equivalent) towards University Entrance in the year of application. Gap year students are **not** eligible for consideration.
- 2.1.2 be intending to enrol full-time (a full-time academic year comprises [120 points](#)) in an undergraduate degree programme,^{1,2} at the University of Waikato for the first time in the year of tenure; and
- 2.1.3 be a New Zealand citizen, NZ Permanent Resident, NZ Resident Class Visa holder or Australian citizen/Permanent Resident domiciled in NZ.

2.2. Selection will be based on:

- 2.2.1 academic potential, based on NCEA L2 and/or L3 results;
- 2.2.2 financial need (and/or extraordinary personal circumstances).
- 2.2.3 Preference will be given to students who have not received other funding.

¹ This does not include diplomas, certificates, etc., except for the Diploma in Te Tohu Paetahi. Other recipients whose degree structure requires them to enrol in an alternative programme of study in the year of tenure can request special consideration by completing a Variation Request <https://www.waikato.ac.nz/scholarships/scholarship-variation-request>

² 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.

2.3. **To maintain eligibility** recipients must:

- 2.3.1 qualify for direct entry into an undergraduate degree programme (i.e. gain UE at NCEA Level 3) at the University of Waikato;
- 2.3.2 enrol as a full-time student (a full-time academic year comprises of 120-points) in an undergraduate degree for the first time in the year of tenure;
- 2.3.3 commence study in A Trimester of the year of tenure;
- 2.3.4 enroll in accommodation in either Bryant Hall or Student Village (standard rooms). Students are guaranteed a space in the Halls of Residence, however, in order to maintain this guarantee students must complete their applications, **including payment of the deposit and any other administration costs³**, by the specified application due date(s);
- 2.3.5 pass all A Trimester papers;
- 2.3.6 attend a mid-Trimester check in with their Halls Residential Manager; and
- 2.3.7 attend the DV Bryant Residential Scholars Dinner.

3. **Value, Awarding and Tenure**

- 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 (standard rooms) 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, financial need and number of eligible applicants.
- 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** (funds will not be available until after confirmation of UE/NCEA Level 3 results in mid-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 be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).
- 3.6. The Scholarship will have a maximum tenure of one year and must be taken up in the year for which it is offered.

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

4. Application

- 4.1. The closing date for applications is **31 August (Round 1)** and **31 January (Round 2) each year**.
- 4.2. As part of the online application process, applicants 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. Future aspirations and motivation to succeed at university;
 - 4.2.4. (optional) fields about other information that might aid the selection panel in their decision making
 - 4.2.5. Each candidate must also request the submission of a completed Academic Assessment form from their school. The school will also be contacted directly by the University to obtain the assessment.
- 4.3. To support the panel decision making process, some additional financial information from the main income earner in the applicant's household would be useful but is not compulsory. Therefore, each applicant is invited to provide the [Household Earner link](#) to this person, and ask that it be completed by the closing date for the current scholarship round.
- 4.4. 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 up to two representatives from the D.V. Bryant Trust, a representative from the University's Scholarships Committee (as chair of the Panel) selected by the Chair of the Scholarships Committee, the Associate Director of Accommodation and Pastoral Care (or nominee), and a member of the Waikato Student Union team nominated by the General Manager of WSU.
- 5.2. Applications may be evaluated by a financial advisor (appointed by the University), who will make recommendations to the Selection Panel regarding the financial need of applicants.
- 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. Progress will be monitored by the Residential Managers of the recipient's Hall of Residence and the School of Graduate Research - Scholarships.
- 6.3. Recipients should seek independent financial advice about any tax implications of their Scholarship.
- 6.4. 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 disrepute⁴, 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.
- 6.5. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any events concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.
- 6.6. 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.

⁴ See [Code of Student Conduct](#)