

D. V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Returning Student 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. 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.



In 2021, the University marks 50 years of Bryant Hall being in operation, and the DV Bryant Trust marks 100 years of existence. The D.V. Bryant Trust and University of Waikato established the D. V. Bryant Trust University of Waikato Returning Student Scholarship in 2021 to provide continued support in the form of an accommodation scholarship for those in financial need. Funds donated through staff payroll giving are also contributing to help students.

Application is by invitation only. Current D.V. Bryant scholars will be invited to apply via email and asked to complete an 'Expression of interest' form. 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 who have 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, of study would be demonstrably beneficial to their academic progress.

2. Eligibility and Selection Criteria

- 2.1. **To be eligible for consideration** candidates must 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 who met the A Trimester requirements of the scholarship.
- 2.2. **Selection will be based on:**
 - 2.2.1. Academic achievement;
 - 2.2.2. The student's Expression of Interest outlining the benefits of being a D.V. Bryant scholar, and the need for support in the second year/third year of study.
 - 2.2.3. The Residential Manager/Accommodation staff letter of support providing details on qualities of character, initiative or leadership, and alignment with the values of the D. V. Bryant Trust, as well as any positive contributions to the halls environment
 - 2.2.4. 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:

- 2.3.1. enrol as a full-time student (a full-time academic year comprises of 120-points) in the second/third year of 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. Students 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 students must complete their applications, **including payment of the deposit and any other administration costs¹**, by the specified application due date(s);
- 2.3.4. In the year of tenure recipients must:
 - 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.
 - d. attend one meeting with Residential Life Managers early B Trimester to discuss academic progress and any support needed.
 - e. provide a short report to the D.V. Bryant Trust outlining what the scholarship means to them and their academic achievements.
- 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 in the year of tenure

3. Expression of Interest

- 3.1. The closing date for EOIs is **15 September** each year.
- 3.2. **Current D.V. Bryant Scholars will be** invited at least 2 weeks prior to the closing date to submit an Expression of Interest , by the closing date outlining:
 - 3.2.1. what it means to them to be a D.V. Bryant scholar
 - 3.2.2. their future study and career plans
 - 3.2.3. whether they need support to return to study in their second/third year due to personal or financial circumstances
- 3.3. The list of EOIs will be sent to the Residential Life Manager to provide supporting statements.
- 3.4. The EOIs and supporting statements will be collated and forwarded to the Selection Panel for consideration and endorsement.

¹ 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. Value, Awarding and Tenure

- 4.1. The Scholarship will be an accommodation credit of **\$3,000**, which will be applied to **the allocated Halls of Residence** accommodation fees.
- 4.2. The Scholarship will be paid in one lump sum towards accommodation expenses at the beginning of A Trimester.
- 4.3. Students may use the Scholarship to pay for all or a portion of the **advance payment due in January**.
- 4.4. The offer of a Scholarship must be accepted by the date indicated in the letter of offer or the offer will lapse.
- 4.5. In accepting the Scholarship, the recipient will be deemed to have read, understood, and accepted the conditions of the Scholarship and the [Scholarships Policy](#).

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 Director of Student Services (or nominee).
- 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 disrepute², or is otherwise not complying with

² See [Code of Student Conduct](#)

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.
- 6.8. By accepting the Scholarship, the recipient agrees to participate in any publicity concerning the Scholarship arranged by the University of Waikato.