



Grant aid policy: Education and Research

The Chartered Secretaries' Charitable Trust aims to advance the education of the public in the law and practice of governance and business administration. To further its public benefit requirement, Trustees will consider requests to support research and the publication of the useful results of such research, in the field of governance and business administration. Requests will also be considered to support other activity, which in the opinion of the Trustees, will engage the public, and significantly progress and promote the practice of good governance and business administration.

In order for a request to be considered, Trustees expect the provision of detailed qualitative and quantitative information in proportion to the amount of grant that is requested, that will explain how their proposal meets with the grant aid policy and provides a benefit to the public. Trustees also expect the proposal to state whether applications had been made elsewhere along with the progress and/or outcomes of these applications.

Grants allocated are evaluated and monitored to ensure accordance with the objects of the Trust. Recipients of awards are required to acknowledge the financial support provided by The Chartered Secretaries' Charitable Trust in appropriate publicity. Where support may be requested for activity that extends beyond the end of the financial year, subsequent payments are conditional upon the grantee providing the Trustees with a satisfactory annual report including information on how the award had been spent, and the Trustees being satisfied that further funding would be made in accordance with the objects of the charity. The Grant aid policy is reviewed every three years, or earlier at the discretion of the Chairman of the Trustees.

Tom Morrison Essay Prize

The late Tom Morrison was an early supporter of ShareGift, which instigated the prize and made a generous donation to the Trust to establish and fund the prizes. Trustees have delegated authority to The Chartered Governance Institute UK & Ireland, of which Tom Morrison was a former President, to establish criteria and coordinate arrangements for the consideration and award of the two annual prizes to a value of £1,000 and £500. A Trustee represents the Trust on the judging panel.

Certificate in Charity Law and Governance bursary

A total of ten bursaries are available each year and are awarded at the discretion of Trustees. The criteria may be amended as appropriate by Trustees and will be available on the Trust's and The Chartered Governance Institute UK & Ireland's website.

To enable a swift decision on applications, consideration of requests that meet the criteria have been delegated to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Trustees and the Chairman of the Support and Grants Committee, who might request additional information to support the application. Where necessary, a decision may be deferred to a full meeting of the Board of Trustees. Agreed and rejected applications are noted at the following meeting of the Board.

Trustees will not consider retrospective applications if the Trust for whatever reason has not received a completed application form from the candidate or the Institute within six weeks of the commencement of the course.