

Grant aid policy for Prizes

The Chartered Secretaries' Charitable Trust provides prizes to students obtaining the highest achievements in the Institute's examinations for The Chartered Governance Qualifying and Foundation Programmes. Named prizes are awarded at each of the two examination sessions. Trustees have delegated authority to The Chartered Governance Institute UK & Ireland to agree and endorse these students following the final examination results, and to recommend these prizes to the appropriate Institute Committee and/or Panel.

Prizes are awarded on the basis of best performance and an achievement criterion of 75% or more. If candidates do not achieve 75% then the prize is not awarded. Prizes allocated are monitored to ensure accordance with the objects of the charity and the benefactor's wishes.

At each examination session there are eight prizes of £250 available to award to eight modules and one prize of £250 awarded for the Foundation programme, to a total annual amount of £4,500. The Trust will accommodate where the Institute may exceptionally award a prize to more than one winner, where, for example, two candidates have equal marks.

The Manchester and District prize of £100 is awarded once a year to the best pass finalist from either the June or November examination session. They must obtain at least 75% in one paper. Prize winners must reside in Manchester and be registered with an address in the Manchester area.

The Vic Leaman Award of £100 is awarded once a year to the best pass finalist from either the June or November examination session. They must obtain at least 75% in one paper. Prize winners must reside in Wales and be registered with an address in Wales.

The Queen Elizabeth II Commonwealth Prize of £250 is awarded annually to a student from an Institute Associated Territory outside of the UK, Crown Dependencies and Republic of Ireland, who obtained the highest mark in The Chartered Governance Qualifying Programme.

The best pass finalist performance at each examination session is also recognised by the awarding of the Ralph Bell Prize of £300, which is awarded from the Education and Research Foundation.

The Harry Robinson Memorial Prize of £1,500 is awarded at each examination sitting held by the Institute to a student who qualifies through an exam or exams in that sitting that achieved the highest average aggregate scores across all exams taken as part of their qualifying programme.

Trustees request The Chartered Governance Institute UK & Ireland in notifying prize winners to acknowledge that the prize is from The Chartered Secretaries' Charitable Trust.