

Role profile



Board name	Chartered Accountants' Trustees Ltd
Purpose of the Board	<p>Chartered Accountants' Trustees Ltd (CAT) is the Trustee of a number of charitable trusts, through which it seeks to facilitate the provision of bursaries both in the UK and elsewhere to enable students to obtain financial qualifications, the delivery of a research and technical programme, a library and information service for the accountancy profession and an education and training programme, aiming for world-class standards. In addition, it funds other general charitable requests.</p> <p>The Trusts' concerns centre on actions which support and enhance the advancement of education and the discipline of accountancy and related subjects.</p> <p>Applications considered by the CAT Board include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third party research and thematic conferences and seminars recommended by the ICAEW Research Advisory Board. • Awards of bursaries, prizes, research and PhD fellowships, teaching fellowships, support of library services and heritage and other funding requests recommended by ICAEW Foundation. • Direct applications from other parties. <p>The resources available to the Board are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds identified as distributable funds. • Donations received, including gift aid where appropriate. • Investment income. <p>Further information is available at www.icaew.com/foundation</p> <p>Andrew Ratcliffe, the current Chair of trustees says: "In my view the ICAEW Charities is one of the reasons we can call ourselves a profession. We are not narrowly focussed on the here and now but, through the generosity of our benefactors, we are looking to the future by supporting research and providing the means for a broader range of people to gain education and training."</p>
Role name	Trustee director
Eligibility	We welcome applications from ICAEW members and non-members.
Purpose of the role	Under the objects of the ICAEW Charitable Trusts, to bring constructive input to board decisions to drive forward their impact and outcomes.

<p>What you might gain from the role</p>	<p>An opportunity to make a difference to the lives of financially disadvantaged students and others through facilitating education and training, and funding academic research.</p> <p>The role also provides an opportunity to work with members of the accountancy profession in making financial decisions to further initiatives undertaken in the public interest.</p>
<p>Attributes sought from candidates</p>	<p>The Board is looking to appoint directors with experience in any of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment management, ideally but not essentially charity related. • Charity finance, specifically charity accounting and reporting. • Academia and research, specifically in the field of accounting and finance. <p>Other desirable attributes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge of best practice in governance of non-profit entities. • Experience of grant-making and philanthropy. • Ability to work collaboratively within a team. • Experience of chairing boards or committees.
<p>Time commitment sought from candidates</p>	<p>The Board meets three times per annum, typically in April, August and November and meetings are three hours long.</p> <p>Occasionally, out of meeting decisions are required via email.</p> <p>Papers for the meetings are circulated, where possible, seven days in advance. It is essential that candidates can commit time to reading the papers before the meetings.</p>
<p>Meeting location</p>	<p>Meetings are hybrid, being held at Chartered Accountants' Hall, London and via Microsoft Teams.</p> <p>Adjustments can be made to ensure everyone can participate equitably in the meetings and in the recruitment process. For example, we provide step-free access for in-person attendees and activate automatic closed captions for online meetings.</p>
<p>Remuneration</p>	<p>This is a voluntary role. However, we will reimburse reasonable expenses to attend meetings, in line with the relevant policy.</p>
<p>Term of office</p>	<p>Four years, renewable once (i.e. max 8 years). This appointment would begin from the date of the ICAEW Annual Meeting in June 2026.</p>
<p>Key dates</p>	<p>All applications must be submitted by 6 February 2026.</p> <p>Shortlisting and interviews will take place between 11 February 2026 – 13 March 2026.</p> <p>Any appointments will be confirmed by 22 May 2026.</p> <p>Unsuccessful candidates will be informed as soon as practicable.</p>

<p>Contact details for application</p>	<p>If you would like to learn more about this position and the application process, please contact jennifer.smith@icaew.com.</p> <p>If you require any adjustments during the application process, please contact us in the first instance. For example, you may ask for information in alternative formats or to have interviews at specific times of day.</p> <p>This is not an exhaustive list, please let us know what we can reasonably do to best accommodate your needs.</p>
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