



Preamble

One of the objectives of the University of Girona's (UdG) Tom Sharpe Chair (CTS) is to promote the study, knowledge and dissemination of the work of the satiric writer Tom Sharpe, one of the 20th century's most popular British novelists, who died in 2013 in Llafranc (Palafrugell, Catalonia), where he had spent the last twenty years of his life.

Since 2015, the library of the UdG's 'Campus Barri Vell' has been home to the writer's personal legacy, by decision of the executor of his work and chairperson of the Tom Sharpe Foundation (FTS), Dr. Montserrat Verdaguer. The Tom Sharpe Collection, which contains numerous original manuscripts and typed documents (letters, ledgers, notebooks with personal reflections, variants of his literary production, unpublished plays for theatre, among others), is being exhaustively catalogued under the charge of the CTS, with the aim of facilitating the task of researchers who want to investigate any aspect relating to the author.

With the aim of stimulating knowledge and research on the life and work of the writer, the UdG's CTS announces the call for the

'Tom Sharpe Chair' Grant 2024

under the following rules:

1. Aim of the grant.

- a) The 'Tom Sharpe Chair' Grant 2024 will be awarded to the best research or academic dissemination project on an aspect of the life and work of Tom Sharpe, from any perspective: critical, historiographic, biographic, essayistic, journalistic, etc.
- b) The length of the text will be between 75 and 300 pages in standard format.
- c) Projects can develop different themes or aspects within the provisions of point (1a) of the rules, provided there is a link among them that guarantees the unity and coherence of the final text.
- d) The text may be written in English, Catalan, Spanish or French.
- e) The deadline for delivery of the final work is 6 June 2025, the twelfth anniversary of the death of Tom Sharpe.

Projects submitted by a group of people will be admitted.

2. Documentation.

To qualify for the grant, candidates must submit the following documentation:

- a) A work plan of between 1,000 and 2,000 words consisting of a detailed description of the theme to be developed, the objectives, the methodology to be used, the general nature of the work and the planned index. The research project will be introduced in

the same language in which the final work will be written, among those specified in point (1d).

- b) *Curriculum vitae* of the candidate.
- c) Signed document authorising the digital publication of the work on the CTS website, should it win the award.
- d) Signed document agreeing to take part in any event(s) organised by the CTS to promote the winning project, should theirs be selected.
- e) Signed declaration wherein the candidate(s) states that the final work resulting from the project, should it win the award, will be wholly original and previously unpublished, and will not be a copy or modification, be it total or partial, of any other own or third-party work.

3. Call deadline and where to submit the application.

Candidates must send the required documents outlined in point 2 of the rules to the email address catedratomsharpe@udg.edu, following these instructions:

- a) The subject line of the email must say: “‘Tom Sharpe Chair’ Grant 2024 application”.
- b) The main body of the email will contain the name of the person submitting the project, their email and the title of the project.
- c) The required documents outlined in point 2 of the rules will be attached in pdf format.

The deadline for presenting the project application is 31 December 2023, at 12 midday.

4. Winning project.

The winning project will receive a prize of 3,000 euros, to be paid in two amounts: an advance of 50% of the total prize money on publication of the jury’s decision, and the other 50% when, within a maximum period of one month of delivering the winning project, the secretary of the jury attests to its consistency with the project application presented and that it meets the expected standards of quality and academic rigour.

Should the winner of the grant not deliver the final work before the deadline stated in point (1e) of these rules, or should the content or quality of the work not be consistent with those stated in the project outline submitted, or should the work not meet the requirements set out in point (2e) of these rules, the candidate will be asked to return the advance made of 50% of the total amount of the prize money.

Aside from the financial award granted, the final work will be published on the CTS website, where it can be consulted with the prior permission of the director of the CTS. The CTS will also promote the printed edition of the work.

The grant may be declared void if the jury considers that none of the project applications guarantees a final work of the quality standard outlined in points (1a), (1b) and (1d) of the rules.

The grant cannot be shared among two or more candidates.

5. Decision of the jury.

The jury will issue its decision, which will be made public on the CTS website, on 15 February 2024, and it cannot be appealed.

The jury will assess the foreseeable quality of the final work, the level of interest and originality of the project, and its adjustment to section 1 of these rules.

6. Jury.

Sitting on the jury for the 'Tom Sharpe Chair' Grant 2024 will be Dr Eva Espasa, lecturer at UVic; Dr Jordi Julià, lecturer at UAB; and the director of the CTS, who will act as secretary.

The director of the CTS can make any necessary changes to the composition of the jury should any of the members have to be substituted for causes of force majeure.

7. Other.

If you have any queries or need any clarification about the 'Tom Sharpe Chair' Grant 2024, please write to the email address catedratomsharpe@udg.edu.

To help in the development of the task of the winner of the award, the CTS will make available to them, upon request, the documentation contained in the Tom Sharpe Collection, under the conditions of care and availability to be decided by the CTS.

In compliance with the provisions of Spain's Organic Law 3/2018, of 5 December, on the protection of personal data and the guarantee of digital rights (LOPDGD), the candidates accept that their personal data may be used exclusively for information purposes for other CTS calls and activities. The candidates can, at any time, request in writing that their data be eliminated from the CTS database, at the email address catedratomsharpe@udg.edu.

The CTS is exempt from any responsibility derived from any act of plagiarism or any other breach of current legislation on the part of the candidate(s).

The CTS is empowered to decide on any eventuality that has not been foreseen in these rules.

Participation in the call implies both knowledge and acceptance of these rules.

Girona, 6 June 2023
10th anniversary of the death of Tom Sharpe