



# CMA<sup>®</sup> Doctoral Scholarship Program

## OVERVIEW

The Certified Management Accountant (CMA<sup>®</sup>) is the gold standard of certification in management accounting. It is unique among professional and academic credentials, designed specifically for accounting and financial management professionals in business. Achieving the CMA designation demonstrates professional expertise in financial planning, analysis, control, decision support, and professional ethics—essential skills sought after by successful organizations and their financial team leaders.

The IMA<sup>®</sup> (Institute of Management Accountants) is committed to supporting the education of future accounting and finance professionals working in business. As part of this effort, the IMA has instituted the CMA Doctoral Scholarship program, which honors top students by recognizing them with this scholarship.

Recipients of the CMA Doctoral Scholarships will receive a comprehensive package of benefits enabling them to study for and take the CMA exam at no cost. The benefits include:

- ◆ IMA membership for up to 3 years while pursuing completion of the CMA exam
- ◆ Entrance fee to the CMA Program
- ◆ Exam Support Package—an assessment tool that can help assess the content covered on the CMA exams
- ◆ Registration fees for the first attempt at both parts of the CMA exam

The CMA Doctoral Scholarship is activated at the time a nominee joins IMA and registers for the CMA Program. The scholarship recipient has up to 3 years to successfully complete both parts of the CMA exam.



### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following students are eligible for CMA Doctoral Scholarships:

- ◆ Any student in an accredited doctoral accounting program concentrating in management accounting or financial management.
- ◆ Students in both US and international academic programs are eligible to apply.

### APPLICATION PROCESS

Doctoral students wishing to participate in this program should send an e-mail stating their interest in management accounting and/or financial management and asking to be enrolled in the program to Dr. Raef Lawson, IMA VP, Research & Policy, and Professor-in-Residence at [research@imanet.org](mailto:research@imanet.org). Applications from doctoral students are accepted year-round.

Student will need to submit a letter from the head of their doctoral program attesting to their enrollment in their school's program. (Electronic submissions are acceptable.)

Questions regarding this program should be sent to Dr. Raef Lawson, IMA VP, Research & Policy, and Professor-in-Residence at [research@imanet.org](mailto:research@imanet.org).

### About the IMA<sup>®</sup> Research Foundation

The IMA Research Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, educational organization formed in 1994 as an entity affiliated with IMA. The Foundation's mission is to assist with the funding, development, and dissemination of timely research that assists accountants and financial professionals in their roles. All research projects funded by the Foundation are evaluated based on their potential to contribute to the "body of knowledge" available to the members of IMA and the management accounting profession as a whole.

For more information about the Foundation, visit [www.imanet.org/researchfoundation](http://www.imanet.org/researchfoundation).

### About IMA<sup>®</sup> (the Institute of Management Accountants)

IMA<sup>®</sup> is the association dedicated to empowering accountants and financial professionals in business to become "trusted business advisors" by playing an active role in their organizations' business success. With a network of more than 100,000 professionals worldwide, IMA provides a dynamic forum for professionals to advance their careers through Certified Management Accountant (CMA<sup>®</sup>) certification, professional education, networking, and advocacy of the highest ethical and professional standards.

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