OVERVIEW
The Certified Management Accountant (CMA®) 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® (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 registration fee ($15)
- Membership fee (in an appropriate IMA membership category: $39 - $220/year) for 3 years
- Entrance fee to the CMA program ($240)
- Exam Support Package—including a glossary of terms, and downloadable and printable multiple-choice and essay practice questions.
- Registration fees for the first attempt at both parts of the CMA exam: $395 per part.

The CMA Doctoral Scholarship is activated at the time a nominee joins IMA. After that, the scholarship recipient has one year to register for the CMA program. An applicant must then register for a part of the CMA exam within one year of entry into the program and must complete the program within three years.
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 and Professor-in-Residence at 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 and Professor-in-Residence at research@imanet.org.

About the IMA® 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.

About IMA®
(the Institute of Management Accountants)
IMA® 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 65,000 professionals worldwide, IMA provides a dynamic forum for professionals to advance their careers through Certified Management Accountant (CMA®) certification, professional education, networking, and advocacy of the highest ethical and professional standards.

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