

IMA Research Foundation
IMA Doctoral Scholars Program

To prepare future management accounting educators and researchers for an evolving global business environment, the IMA® (Institute of Management Accountants) Research Foundation has created the *IMA Doctoral Scholars Program*. The goal of this program is to increase the number of professors who teach and research in management accounting. The program will provide support for students at various stages in their doctoral education in accredited programs, enabling them to work on research that will advance management accounting research and practice. Management accounting scholars will go on to teach and mentor the next generation of students and help advance the future of management accounting research and the profession.

Stage I (up to US\$2,000)

This funding is for doctoral students who have satisfactorily completed their first year of course work and will be working on a research paper on a management accounting topic. The application process requires submission of a paper proposal, a letter of recommendation from the director of the doctoral program, and a timeline for expected completion of the student's doctoral program. The funds can be used for research-related expenses and/or as a stipend (full-time students only).

Stage II (up to US\$3,000)

This funding is for doctoral students who have satisfactorily completed their second-year course work and will be working on a research paper on a management accounting topic with potential to be presented at a premier academic research conference. Preference will be given to those doctoral students who received Stage I funding. The application process requires submission of a draft research paper, a letter of recommendation from the director of the doctoral program, a timeline for expected completion of the student's doctoral program, target conference for submitting paper, and the requested funding amount with details. To be considered for this funding, the applicant must be in good academic standing. The funds can be used for research-related expenses or as a stipend (full-time students only).

Stage III (up to US\$5,000)

This funding is for doctoral students who have satisfactorily completed all required course work and have presented a research paper on a management accounting topic at an academic conference. The application process requires submission of:

- A. A working paper or research plan describing the motivation, purpose, primary research question(s), theoretical background, research methodology, and how the study can

impact the management accounting research literature. Preference will be given to students who have received Stage I or Stage II funding.

- B. A letter from the researcher's dissertation chair or faculty advisor indicating that the student is currently in good academic standing, whether the proposal has been accepted by the department, and a timetable indicating approximate dissertation or research project completion date. Funding is contingent on acceptance of the proposed research by the department.
- C. A letter from the student discussing potential deliverables or outcomes from the research, intended plans for submitting the research to academic journals, and how the research can impact the management accounting profession through submission of a manuscript to an IMA publication. Additional outcomes may include a presentation at practitioner conferences, an article for an IMA publication, or a white paper on a topic related to their research study.
- D. Funding request with appropriate level of detail. The Foundation does not fund fringe benefits or replace applicants' research assistantships. The total maximum amount of the Stage III funding may not exceed US\$5,000. The following types of costs are eligible for reimbursement, which are made directly to the student and are not reimbursed by another source:
 - a. Purchase or rental of custom databases or application software.
 - b. Transportation and other costs of data collection.
 - c. Costs associated with developing research engagements, partnerships, or arrangements.
 - d. Data entry, supplies, word processing, copying, telephone, postage, transcription, and subject stipends.
 - e. Journal submission fees.
 - f. Other reasonable costs associated with conducting the research project (including limited travel).
 - g. Reasonable stipends will be considered for full-time students.

Please send your submission to:

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