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**IMA Welcomes Seven New Endorsed Universities**

*New schools are in six different countries and have programs that spotlight management accounting*

**Montvale, N.J., January 24, 2023 –** [IMA®](http://www.imanet.org) (Institute of Management Accountants), one of the largest and most respected associations focused exclusively on advancing the management accounting profession, is proud to announce that seven new colleges and universities have earned the distinction of IMA Higher Education Endorsement. These schools have been recognized for their support of students and preparing them for successful careers in management accounting and pursuing and earning the [CMA®](https://www.imanet.org/cma-certification?ssopc=1) (Certified Management Accountant) certification.

Since July 2022, the following schools earned the distinction from six countries:

* Iowa State University (U.S.)
* Gulf University for Science and Technology (Kuwait)
* Instituto Tecnológico de Mexico (Mexico)
* NOVA School of Business and Economics (Portugal)
* Rafik Hariri University (Lebanon)
* University of Doha for Science & Technology (Qatar)
* George Mason University (U.S.)

To date, more than 100 colleges and universities—institutions in the Americas, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and Oceania— have been endorsed under the IMA program.

“High-quality educational programs like those at these endorsed institutions help future management accountants achieve their career goals and meet the competency expectations of today’s employers,” said Loreal Jiles, IMA vice president, research and thought leadership. “Programs earning IMA endorsement can contribute to curtailing the decline in accountancy program enrollments by raising student awareness of the breadth of career opportunities available within accounting, featuring management accounting roles across industries.”

IMA’s Endorsement of Higher Education initiative recognizes programs that meet high educational standards, enabling students to pursue and earn the CMA. Information about the program is available at <https://www.imanet.org/endorsement>.

IMA’s globally-recognized CMA program is a relevant assessment of advanced accounting and financial management knowledge in areas such as financial planning, analysis, control, and decision support – each of which is increasingly critical in meeting the changing needs of business, and therefore, essential learning for students of accounting and finance.

**About IMA® (Institute of Management Accountants)**IMA® is one of the largest and most respected associations focused exclusively on advancing the management accounting profession. Globally, IMA supports the profession through research, the CMA® (Certified Management Accountant) and CSCA® (Certified in Strategy and Competitive Analysis) programs, continuing education, networking, and advocacy of the highest ethical business practices. Twice named Professional Body of the Year by *The Accountant/International Accounting Bulletin*, IMA has a global network of about 140,000 members in 150 countries and 350 professional and student chapters. Headquartered in Montvale, N.J., USA, IMA provides localized services through its four global regions: The Americas, Asia/Pacific, Europe and Middle East/India. For more information about IMA, please visit [www.imanet.org](http://www.imanet.org).

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