



Accounting Doctoral Scholars Program Application Process and Eligibility Form

2012 – 2013 Academic Year

Program Overview: The Accounting Doctoral Scholars (ADS) Program provides awards, through participating universities, to individuals with recent meaningful public accounting experience in auditing or tax to earn a doctorate in accounting with an emphasis in auditing or tax. The ADS awards are funded by over 70 of the largest accounting firms and several state CPA societies.

Application Process: The application process requires submission via mail of an application packet. The packet must include a completed Eligibility Statement (below), letters of reference, official transcripts, official GMAT test score, and a written essay. The candidate should start very early in obtaining the letters of reference, transcripts, and GMAT score. If the test score is more than five years old, the candidate should arrange immediately to retake the GMAT. Allow ample time to receive the score report. Three reference letters must be submitted in sealed envelopes from their authors.

Selection Process: The selection of ADS Scholars is a two-step process. First, applications are evaluated based upon academic and professional achievements and potential for successfully earning a doctorate in accounting. Applicants whose profiles are deemed to be competitive for admission to several doctoral accounting programs are invited to a one-day Fall orientation conference. Following participation in the conference, applicants are asked to confirm their commitment to apply for doctoral study in accounting at one or more participating universities for Fall 2012 admission. The selection committee then selects the ADS Scholars from the remaining pool of candidates.

Payment and Renewals: A stipend of \$30,000 is paid to the participating university upon the ADS Scholar’s registration for full-time study. Funds are distributed to the student in accordance with the university’s policies. Awards are made for a single academic year and are renewable for a total of four years, subject to the scholar’s continued satisfactory progress.

Application Deadline: October 1, 2011

Questions: Please refer to the ADS Program website at ADSPHD.org or e-mail ADSProgram@aicpa.org

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible applicants must satisfy all of the prerequisites listed below. Please include this form in your application packet.

INITIAL NEXT TO EACH REQUIREMENT TO VERIFY THAT YOU MEET THE REQUIREMENT.	INITIAL
I have or will have at the time of enrolling in a doctoral program at least three years of public accounting experience in tax or auditing with a portion of that experience being within the last three years.	
I commit, if selected as an ADS Scholar, to apply for Fall 2012 admission to a doctoral program in accounting at one or more ADS program participating universities to pursue auditing or tax as a teaching and research focus.	
I commit to a career transition to teaching and research in auditing or tax at an AACSB International accredited university in the United States upon completion of a doctoral program in accounting with an emphasis in auditing or tax.	
I am a United States citizen or a permanent resident. <i>If permanent resident, attach a copy of the front and back of your resident card and indicate country of citizenship.</i>	

Printed Name

Signature

Date