

ACCA/IAAER Scholars Program Announcement and Application/Nomination Process

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We are pleased to announce the first ACCA (Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) / IAAER (International Association for Accounting Education and Research) Scholars Program. This program aims to strengthen the accountancy profession by providing intensive mentoring and other support for carefully selected accounting academics in emerging/transitional economies.

Program benefits. The ACCA/IAAER Scholars program will provide up to five Scholars with financial support, up to £3000 for each of two years, to attend and participate in high quality IAAER-linked workshops and conferences including the 14th IAAER World Congress of Accounting Educators and Researchers to be held in Paris, France on 1-2 December 2022. Scholars will use these occasions to gain knowledge (by attending technical sessions) and to expand their international networks. Each Scholar will be assigned an internationally recognized accounting researcher and educator as a mentor. Mentors will provide information and support on any matter related to research, teaching, curriculum development and making connections to the profession. All program mentors will be available to work as needed with all Scholars, thereby providing additional networking opportunities and sources of information and support. The goal of intensive mentoring is to enable Scholars to take on more ambitious research and teaching projects with greater confidence, greater skill and greater likelihood of success.

Scholars will aim to develop their own research and teaching capabilities to the fullest practicable extent and to solidify their professional relationships with the program mentors and with IAAER and its institutional, university and individual members. Scholars will also be tasked with strengthening relations between their universities and the profession including specifically professional accountancy organizations like ACCA and working within the educational system to foster improvement in the way students are educated for the accountancy profession.

Application/nomination and selection process. ACCA and IAAER invite both applications and nominations for this program. Applicants/nominees should hold a PhD in Accounting, hold the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor or equivalent at universities in transitional/emerging economies and should have published at least one paper in a journal rated B or better on the Australian Business Deans Council Journal Quality List (<https://abdc.edu.au/research/abdc-journal-quality-list/>). An application/nomination package should include a current vita, statement of interest in the Scholars program from the applicant or nominee, one letter of recommendation (which could be from the nominator of a nominee) that explains why the applicant/nominee is appropriate for this program, and one or more research papers. Selection of up to five Scholars will be made by a committee of internationally recognized accounting researchers and educators who are IAAER members. Applications/nominations and questions about the program should be sent to IAAER's Director of Research and Educational Activities, Professor Donna L. Street (dstreet1@dayton.edu). The deadline for receiving applications/nominations is 15 April 2022. The official launch of the program will be on 30 April 2022 when the ACCA and IAAER will announce the selection of the five Scholars and the appointment of their mentors.