2027 Annual Doctoral Student Teacher-Scholar Competition
Call for Submissions

MMA Fall Educators Conference
September 15-17, 2027, Drury Plaza Hotel San Antonio Riverwalk, San Antonio, Texas

We encourage submissions from full-time doctoral students to recognize achievement and future promise in classroom instruction and scholarship. Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time, in-residence doctoral students and will earn the doctoral degree in December 2027 or later. Full- or part-time faculty who are enrolled in a doctoral program are not eligible. Judging criteria include the significance of scholarship, documented teaching innovation and excellence, presentation clarity, and the quality, engagement, and innovativeness of the teaching presentation.

How the Competition Works:
Submit your entry by the deadline. A panel of reviewers selects three finalists, each of whom will give a 15-minute mini-teaching presentation to conference attendees and judges. The judges select the competition winner based on these presentations.

What You Can Win:
The winner receives the 2027 MMA Outstanding Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Student Award and $1,000. The other two finalists each receive MMA Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Student Excellence Awards and $250. Other noteworthy entrants may receive MMA Meritorious Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Student Awards. MMA recognizes all award winners at the awards lunch on Thursday, September 16, 2027.

How to Submit:
Use the CMT submission link on the conference webpage. **The submission deadline is May 31, 2027.** Submitting indicates your commitment to register for the conference by August 13, 2027, and attend if selected as a finalist or award winner.

What to Submit:
1. Faculty letter of recommendation (500 words max), noting:
   - scholarly record.
   - potential for future scholarship and teaching.
   - assessment of classroom observation.
2. Condensed curriculum vitae (500 words max) listing:
   - scholarly achievement.
   - teaching experience and achievement.
3. Teaching statement (750 words max), noting:
   - supporting evidence of using innovative approaches to teaching and learning.
   - supporting evidence of teaching excellence (e.g., student evaluations, feedback from colleagues, impact on student success, impact beyond one's own institution).
4. The statement, "I affirm that I am a full-time, in-residence student in a doctoral marketing program, graduating in December 2027 or later. I am not a full- or part-time faculty member."

The four sections of the application must be combined into a single Word file.
Questions? Contact the Competition Coordinator, Lauren Brewer, lbrewer@walton.uark.edu.