



2026 Annual Doctoral Student Teacher-Scholar Competition Call for Submissions

*MMA Fall Educators' Conference
September 23-25, 2026, Drury Plaza Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana*

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 2026 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, as well as the quality, engagement, and innovativeness of the teaching demonstration.

How the Competition Works:

The process begins with submitting your work by the stated deadline. A panel of reviewers selects three finalists, each of whom will make a 15-minute mini-teaching presentation to attendees and judges at the conference. The judges select the competition winner based on these presentations.

What You Can Win:

The winner receives the 2026 MMA Outstanding Teacher-Scholar Doctoral Student \$500 prize. The other two finalists each receive \$250. All three are recognized at the awards lunch.

How to Submit:

Use the CMT submission link on the [conference webpage](#). **The submission deadline is May 31, 2026.** Please note that submitting indicates your intent to register for the conference by August 31, 2026, and attend the conference if selected as a finalist.

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 2026 or later. I am not a full- or part-time faculty member."

The four sections of the application must be combined into a single PDF file.

Questions? Contact the Competition Coordinator, Rebecca Dingus, dingusr@ohio.edu.