



The PhD Project Expands Membership Eligibility to Include DACA Recipients

MONTVALE, NJ - [The PhD Project](#) – a non-profit organization helping to diversify college business schools and, ultimately, the business world – is now formally welcoming Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients to apply for membership. Since its inception in 1994, The PhD Project has helped more than quintuple the number of Black/African American, Latinx/Hispanic American and Native American business PhDs in the United States. Its members go on to teach, lead and inspire the next generation at universities across the country.

“We’re thrilled to open PhD Project membership to DACA recipients,” said Blane Ruschak, president of The PhD Project. “We know that for college students there’s tremendous power in having ‘someone who looks like me, someone who’s walked in my shoes’ in front of the college classroom – and so many students are looking for mentors who understand what the DACA experience is like.”

“As a member of the Circle of Compadres of The PhD Project myself, and a passionate advocate for our nation’s Dreamers, I applaud the organization for opening its ranks to DACA recipients and providing them a pathway to rewarding and fulfilling careers in the front of classrooms,” said Dr. Irma Becerra, President at Marymount University. “Dreamer students are highly motivated and eager to face the many obstacles and challenges on the journey to earning advanced degrees, and they make our communities a better place. We should do all we can to support their dreams and educational pursuits.”

The path for those interested in pursuing a business doctoral degree begins at The PhD Project’s annual conference on March 24-25, 2023 in Chicago. The event provides an opportunity for prospective doctoral students to explore the benefits of pursuing a business PhD and becoming a business professor. During the conference, attendees get a realistic look at every phase of the PhD journey and the opportunity to network with current doctoral students, business school representatives, professors and partner organizations. If you or someone you know is interested in higher education and curious about earning a PhD, please apply for an invitation to the March annual conference by visiting <https://phdproject.org/annual-conference/>.

To be considered, you must be a U.S. citizen, permanent U.S. resident, or DACA recipient and hold a minimum of an undergraduate degree or be entering your senior year of college by the time you attend the conference. The PhD Project covers all travel, hotel and conference expenses for those who are invited to attend the annual conference. There is a nominal \$200 registration fee, which is waived for full-time students.

About The PhD Project

Founded in 1994, [The PhD Project](#) works to increase diversity in the business world. Through its unique model, the nonprofit organization’s Black/African American, Latinx/Hispanic American



and Native American members pursue business PhDs with the intent to become university faculty, teaching and guiding students who aspire to a career in business. Since its launch, The Project has been responsible for more than quintupling the number of underrepresented professors, administrators and academic leaders at an extensive list of academic programs, helping more than 1,400 former business professionals and undergraduate students attain their doctoral degree. The PhD Project also includes close to 250 students currently enrolled in a business PhD program.

For more information on The PhD Project, webinars and sponsors, visit www.phdproject.org and follow the program on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).