

## Investment in Doctoral Education Award in Honor of Dr. Sandra Shelton



The Investment in Doctoral Education Award will be granted in Honor of Dr. Sandra Shelton, the first person to be capped at the annual conference with a PhD Project mortarboard and tassel, now a tradition at all PhD Project conferences. She was a stalwart on the Investment or Sacrifice Panel and Planning Committee for The PhD Project Annual Conference, a PhD Project Hall of Fame member (2014), and a mentor to countless PhD Project students and faculty across all disciplines. Dr. Shelton would ask you to call her Sandra and she quickly became friends with all who met her. Sandra shared her light so generously, but not wanting to burden those she cared for, battled illness privately and passed on October 4, 2021. Dr. Shelton was a graduate of University of Wisconsin-Madison Ph.D. program and was the KPMG/Neil F. Casson Professor of Accountancy at DePaul University. This award ensures that Sandra's light and love for PhD Project doctoral students shines on and will be awarded to students who have passed comprehensive exams from any business discipline annually.

Applicants who have passed comprehensive exams and are active members of any PhD Project Doctoral Student Association are eligible for this award. The award includes a cash prize of \$1,000 and will be announced at The PhD Project Annual Conference and at the Doctoral Student Association meeting of the awardee. We will award up to five (5) students per year across disciplines.

Applications should demonstrate the scholar's contributions in the areas of research, teaching, and service, with the understanding that the award is for a doctoral student. Future aspirations and plans in this regard are also welcome.

Self-nominations and nominations from PhD Project faculty are welcome, and should include the following:

- A personal statement on research, teaching, and service (two-page maximum).
- A current vita.
- At least one letter of recommendation.

Click [here](#) to complete and submit a nomination package by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

A panel of Sandra's long-time PhD Project friends and a family member serves as the selection committee. Criteria the committee will consider include active participation within the PhD Project and the applicant's Doctoral Student Association, and both current impact and future potential to contribute to research, teaching, and service.

The purpose of the Investment in Doctoral Education Award in Honor of Dr. Sandra Shelton is to carry on Sandra's commitment to paying it forward within The PhD Project Family.