

The PhD Project Annual Conference

Enriching Education for All

Conference Agenda

Day 1

Morning

- **11:00 am**
Registration Opens

Afternoon

- **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**
Lunch
- **1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**
 - **Welcome:**
 - **Keynote Address:**
- **2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**
The Ph.D. Lifecycle: Setting the Stage (all attendees)
 - This session will explore the different paths to entering a business doctoral program, the admissions/application process, university funding, and career opportunities in academe.
- **3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
The Ph.D. Lifecycle: Secrets of a Successful Applicant (all attendees)
 - Learn how Ph.D. programs view the “ideal” candidate and gain insights on how the successful applicant approaches each component of the application.
- **4:00 pm – 4:15 pm**
Break
- ○ **4:15 pm – 5:30 pm**
The Ph.D. Lifecycle: The Doctoral Student (all attendees)
 - Perspectives on life as a doctoral student from an assistant professor and current students at different stages in their doctoral programs.

- **5:30 pm – 5:45 pm**
Navigate the Discipline Breakouts
 - **5:45 pm – 7:15 pm**
Discipline Breakouts/Networking Sessions
 - **Accounting**
 - **Finance & Economics**
 - **Information Systems and Sciences**
 - **Marketing**
 - **Strategy/Entrepreneurship**
 - **Supply Chain Management**
 - **Management - Organization Behavior**
 - **7:15 pm – 8:15 pm**
Buffet Dinner
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Day 2

Morning

- **7:00 am – 7:45 am**
Health & Wellness session
- **7:30 am – 8:30 am**
Breakfast
- **8:00 am – 11:00 am**
Board Meeting (invitation only)
- **8:30 am – 9:30 am**
 - The Ph.D. Lifecycle: Balancing the Doctoral Program and Life
Explore challenges of balancing doctoral studies with personal life
- **9:30 am – 11:00 am**
University Fair & Networking
- **11:00 am – 12:00 pm**
Concurrent Sessions
 - **Statement of Purpose Coaching Session** (one-on-one sessions)
Faculty will review and assist with your Statement of Purpose.
 - **Real Talk: What I Wish I Knew**
Networking opportunity with university reps, faculty and doctoral students.
- **11:00 am – 12:30 pm**
Partner Meeting (invitation only)

Afternoon

- **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**

Lunch

- **1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

The Ph.D. Lifecycle: Investment or Sacrifice

- Faculty will share how they view the investments and sacrifices they made to achieve their dream to become a business professor.

- **2:00 pm – 2:45 pm**

Closing Remarks and New Faculty Graduation Capping Ceremony