

## The PhD Project Conference Agenda

### Wednesday

2:00---4:00 p.m. **PhD Project Sponsors Meeting (by invitation only)**

4:00 --- 6:00 p.m. **PhD Project Board of Directors Meeting (by Invitation only)**

2:00 --- 5:00 p.m. **Preparing Your Way to GMAT® Success!**  
Presented by Akil Bello

5:00 ---10:00 p.m. REGISTRATION

5:00 ---10:00 p.m. WELCOMING BUFFET RECEPTION

### Thursday

7:00 ---8:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

7:00 – 7:45 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:45 ---8:15 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**

8:15 ---9:15 a.m. **The PhD Project Overview**  
Bernie Milano, KPMG Foundation

9:15 --- 10:30 a.m. **Plenary I**  
The Ph.D. Lifecycle: Setting the Stage

10:30 --- 10:45 a.m. BREAK  
Grand Ballroom Foyer

10:45 ---12:00 p.m. **Plenary II**  
Secrets of a Successful Applicant

12:00 ---1:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 ---2:45 p.m. **Plenary III**  
The Ph.D. Lifecycle: The Doctoral Student

3:00 ---6:00 p.m. **University/Ph.D. Programs Fair**

6:00 ---7:30 p.m. RECEPTION

7:30 p.m. DINNER

9:00 ---10:00 p.m. Balancing the Doctoral Program and Family

### Friday

7:00 ---7:45 a.m. CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00 ---10:00 a.m. **Breakout Sessions by Discipline**

- \* **Accounting**
- \* **Finance**
- \* **MIS**
- \* **Management /Org. Behavior**
- \* **Marketing**

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Plenary III**

The Ph.D. Lifecycle: Investment or Sacrifice

11:30---12:30p.m.

**Closing Session**

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