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The PhD Project, a 501(c) (3) organization founded by the KPMG Foundation in 1994, recruits minority professionals from business into doctoral programs in all business disciplines to become university business school professors where they inspire minority students to study business, serve as mentors to the next generation of business leaders and better prepare all students to live and work in our diverse society. Since its inception, The PhD Project has been responsible for quadrupling the number of minority business professors, from 294 to 1,292.

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