

This was the first African-American woman to receive a doctorate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). Who is she?

**Dr. Shirly Ann Jackson**

Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson studied physics at MIT and received her PhD in 1973. Being the first African-American woman to receive a PhD from MIT was just the beginning in a distinguished list of firsts for this amazing scientist. Dr. Jackson was the first woman and first African-American to chair the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. With the May 1997 formation of International Nuclear Regulator's Association, Dr. Jackson was elected as the group's first chairperson. The association comprises the most senior nuclear regulatory officials from Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States.