

# Accessing Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS)

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The **Wharton Research Data Service (WRDS)** is a **web-based business data research service**. It was developed at Wharton in 1993 to support our faculty's research and is now also used by many other institutions.

## Register for a WRDS Account

### Full-Time Wharton Faculty, Staff, and Students

Full-time Faculty, Staff, and Wharton Undergraduate, Masters, and PhD students can register for a WRDS account using the instructions below. Student accounts close 2 years after registration; however, undergraduate students who are still actively affiliated with Penn/Wharton continue to have access during the terms in which they are enrolled.

Use these directions to register for your WRDS account:

### Other Account Types

These types of accounts are available for those who aren't full-time Wharton Faculty, Staff or students.

- Faculty accounts are available to all standing permanent faculty of member institutions.

Please note: Lecturers are not eligible for faculty accounts but may apply for a visitor account.

- Ph.D. accounts are available to all current Ph.D. candidates of member institutions.
- Research accounts are available to graduate and undergraduate students performing research for a faculty member.
- Staff accounts can only be requested by support personnel such as librarians and IT support staff of member institutions.
- Visitor accounts are available to visiting faculty (non-permanent or part-time position, or those on a limited appointment).
- Masters accounts are available to full-time masters students of member institutions.
- Class accounts are registered by faculty and are used to host access for students in a class. Each WRDS Class Account should correspond to a specific group of students enrolled in that course for a given semester (Ex. Acct1010, Fnce2050). Students will enroll via a class code, provided by the faculty.

## Questions?

### For login problems:

**Students:** contact **Wharton Client Support Services**.

**Faculty:** contact our **Academic Representative** (PennKey login required).

**Staff:** contact **Administrative Support** (PennKey login required).

All other support:

Contact the [WRDS Team](#).

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