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Requesting a AWS Linked Account

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Requirements

The following information is needed to provision an AWS-linked account:

- **Account Name:** A friendly name for the account that helps to identify its purpose. The name must be at least five characters long.
- **Contact Email:** An email address or mailing list used to reach account owners and/or managers regarding account operation.
- **PennKey:** The PennKey of the account owner or the person responsible for the AWS account.
- **Budget Code:** An appropriate budget code for all AWS account charges.
- **Account Admins:** The PennKeys of users to be granted admin rights for services running inside the account.
- **Include a Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) for Instances:** Indicates if the account requires a VPC to connect computing resources inside the account to our on-prem network.
- **Include VPC for Workspaces:** Indicates if AWS Workspaces will be deployed, and it needs to connect to our on-prem network.
- **Operational Alternative Contact info:** An email address for AWS to send operational information and actionable items about the account. This additional information is optional: name, title, and phone number.

Ready to Request the Account?

If you are interested in getting an AWS account, contact your [Wharton Computing Representative](#), and they will be able to help you

Log in to the AWS-Linked Account

All AWS-linked accounts are configured to use PennKey to log in:

- Click on <https://aws.cloud.upenn.edu/>
- Authenticate using your PennKey and password
- Select the AWS-Linked account(s) and access role(s) you have rights to assume from the AWS sign-in page.

