

Dropbox Account Exception Request

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This article outlines how a faculty or staff sponsor can request a Dropbox account for a student if they need one.

Before You Start

You will need the following before you can complete this task:

- Valid PennKey account
- Wharton sponsor (faculty or staff)
- Business justification

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Dropbox accounts are provided to Wharton Staff and Faculty, but not by default for students. If there is a compelling reason for a student to be issued a Dropbox account, a faculty or staff "sponsor" can make an exception request.

Steps for Requesting an Exception

The student's sponsor should work with their [Strategic Partner](#) to submit a ticket to Wharton Client Support Services. The ticket should include the following information:

- **Student information:**
 - Name
 - Email address
 - Affiliation (e.g. MBA, UGR, WEMBA, etc)
 - Graduating year
- **Name of sponsoring Wharton user** (faculty or staff member name working with the student)
- **Business justification** for Dropbox account
- **Alternatives:** explanation for why the shared file storage need cannot be met by other existing services, e.g. Google Drive, Penn+Box
- **Duration** of the Dropbox account: A month, a year, indefinite?
- **Collaborators:** Will the student be collaborating with any other Dropbox users or departments? Will they be granted access to other Dropbox Team folders?

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