WHARTON RESEARCH DATA SERVICES AT CATÓLICA - GET STARTED

WRDS is a comprehensive Internet-based data management system that allows researchers to easily retrieve information from a wide variety of financial, economic, and marketing data sources. This hosted data service has become the locus for quantitative data research and is recognized by the academic and financial research community around the world as the leading business intelligence tool.

WRDS ACCOUNT ACCESS
The following instructions will guide you in obtaining your WRDS account.

> **Step 1:** Point your web browser to <http://wrds-web.wharton.upenn.edu>
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> **Step 2:** Select the Register tab or link "*Register for a WRDS Account*."
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> **Step 3:** Complete the Account Request form.
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> **Step 4:** Once you submit an Account Request, an email will be sent to your WRDS Representative(s)
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> After receiving approval by the Representatives, an account will be created and you will receive an e-mail message with a special URL and instructions for setting the account password and logging into WRDS.
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> **Step 5:** You may log into WRDS.
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> **Step 6:** Review the WRDS Terms of Use.
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> **Step 7:** You may begin using your new account.
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> *Please note: if you already have an existing WRDS account –either active or recently expired—at another institution (because you are a recent graduate or a faculty member who has recently transferred from another institution who has WRDS) do NOT request an additional WRDS account using the process described below. Email WRDS Support to request an account transfer.*

RECOMMENDED FOR NEW USERS

View the following E-Learning Tutorials available on our website:

      a. *Overview of the WRDS Website*
      b. *Three Ways of Working with WRDS*

Review the Support and Tools tabs, offering a host of resources including, but not limited to:

      a. Getting Started with WRDS
      b. Research Applications and Sample Programs
      c. Computing Resources

WRDS ACCOUNT TYPES

The following accounts are considered Individual Accounts and provide access to WRDS via web, SSH and /or FTP.

Faculty accounts are available to all full-time faculty of member institutions.

Staff accounts are provided for full-time support personnel of member institutions. For example: Librarians, IT personnel, etc.

Visitor accounts apply to visiting faculty (nonpermanent position). These accounts are subject to additional review by WRDS and may not be used after the visiting appointment ends.

Research Assistant accounts apply to students doing active research under faculty supervision. These accounts require a faculty sponsor.

Ph.D. accounts are offered to currently-registered doctoral students at member institutions.

Account Parameters (for UNIX users)**:**

·   Projects Directory/Home Directory: Users also receive 750MB of home and permanent project space under/home/catolicaport/username/

·   SAS Temp Directory: There is a 90 GB shared workspace designed for actively running programs. Output may be saved there at the completion of a program, but only to be IMMEDIATELY removed. This directory is located at /sastemp. Any file in /sastemp which is either not in use by an active program or being transferred to a user's home school can be deleted without prior notice. Files on /sastemp are deleted automatically every 48 hours.

·   If a user's job exceeds these parameters, the process will automatically be deleted. To avoid this outcome, users are only permitted to run one program at a time. Multiple submissions are prohibited.

The following accounts (group accounts) provide access to WRDS via web only.

Class accounts can only be requested by standing faculty of member institutions and provide a means for Undergraduates and MBAs to use WRDS as part of a registered class or course project. Students registered to a class will share the account username and password. Class accounts are not permitted to access the NYSE TAQ database. These accounts do NOT include disk storage and they expire at the end of the semester.

Masters: Masters accounts are available to all current full-time masters students of

member institutions. ***Please note:*** Masters accounts will NOT have access to WRDS during the extended period between semesters.

Library/Lab: Your WRDS Representative may contact [WRDS](#) [Support](#) for additional information.

We are confident that you will find the ease of access, abundance of data, and robust system features a significant benefit to your research and teaching endeavors.

Please contact our staff of account, technical and research specialists through [WRDS Support](#) should you need assistance.