

# THE WHARTON SCHOOL

Founded in 1881 as the world's first collegiate business school, the Wharton School (<https://www.wharton.upenn.edu/>) of the University of Pennsylvania is shaping the future of business by incubating ideas, driving insights, and creating leaders who change the world. With a faculty of more than 235 renowned professors, Wharton has 5,000 undergraduate (<https://undergrad.wharton.upenn.edu/>), MBA (<https://mba.wharton.upenn.edu/>), executive MBA (<https://executivemba.wharton.upenn.edu/>), and doctoral (<https://doctoral.wharton.upenn.edu/>) students. Each year 100,000 professionals from around the world advance their careers through Wharton Executive Education's (<https://executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu/>) individual, company-customized, and online programs, and thousands of pre-collegiate students explore business concepts through Wharton's Global Youth Program. More than 105,000 Wharton alumni form a powerful global network of leaders who transform business every day.

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The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania was a remarkable innovation when Joseph Wharton, a self-educated 19th-century industrialist, first proposed its establishment more than 140 years ago.

Wharton believed the role of business was to advance society as a whole, creating new wealth and economic opportunity for all people. He approached the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania in 1880 to establish a new kind of institution specifically designed to prepare leaders for business and public service.

His suggestion was a radical one, but also remarkably prescient. With the admission in 1881 of the first class of students – just 13 undergraduates – Joseph Wharton and the University of Pennsylvania created a successful formula that forever changed the landscape of business and education. Now, more than 1 million students graduate each year from more than 13,000 graduate and undergraduate business programs around the world.

The Wharton School remains a leader in business education through a steadfast commitment to our founder's vision of applying unparalleled intellectual resources to prepare young men and women for leadership in the global society. With programs on every continent, Wharton continues to educate and empower the best minds in business.

Research provides an individualized method of learning and an in-depth treatment of a topic of personal interest with input from a faculty expert. Research experience is helpful if applying for distinguished international fellowships and is important if going on to graduate studies in an analytical discipline. Research skills are useful for decision-making in the private and public sectors and are required in academic positions. Below you can find a variety of research opportunities and scholarship programs.

- Courses (<https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/research/courses/>)—Create “tools” in a research-methods course.
- Research assistantships (<https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/research/assistantships/>)—Learn by executing research-related tasks while working on a project for a faculty member.
- Summer programs (<https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/research/summer-opportunities/>)—Gain hands-on experience from

proposal to presentation through a project commensurate with program duration.

- Scholars programs (<https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/scholars-programs/>)—Gain hands-on, in-depth experience from proposal to presentation via a senior thesis and other activities.

For more information, visit: <https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/research/>.

The University of Pennsylvania Wharton School is accredited by AACSB – the International Association for Management Education.

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The goal of the Wharton Undergraduate Division academic advising team is to help students learn about and take agency in their educational journeys and professional plans.

All Wharton Undergraduate students have access to assigned advisors for curricular planning and for specialized advising ([https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/advising-services/#specialized\\_advising](https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/advising-services/#specialized_advising)), as well as peer advising and staff advising drop-ins.

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