

# THE WHARTON SCHOOL

Founded in 1881 as the first collegiate business school, the Wharton School (<https://www.wharton.upenn.edu>) of the University of Pennsylvania is recognized globally for intellectual leadership and ongoing innovation across every major discipline of business education. With a broad global community and one of the most published business school faculties, Wharton creates economic and social value around the world. The School 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; more than 9,000 participants in executive education (<http://executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu>) programs annually and a powerful alumni network (<https://alumni.wharton.upenn.edu>) of 96,000 graduates.

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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 135 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-programs>)—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.
- Wharton PhD Submatriculation Program (<http://doctoral-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/submatriculation>)—Submatriculate into a PhD program in Accounting, Finance, Health Care Systems, Insurance and Risk Management, Management, Marketing, Operations and Information Management, Business and Public Policy, or Statistics.

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 make informed decisions about their educational plans and professional/life goals that are consistent with their interests, abilities, and values.

Advising by appointment, walk-in advising, and specialized advising ([https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/advising-services/#specialized\\_advising](https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/advising-services/#specialized_advising)) are services available in G95 Huntsman Hall to current Wharton undergraduate students.

Professional advisors (<https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/advising-services>), concentration advisors (<https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/concentration-advisors>), and peer advising fellows (<https://undergrad-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/peer-advising>) are available to assist students.

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