

## Wharton Research Data Services (WRDS)

### **Wharton allows the following to have individual accounts:**

a current faculty member, Ph.D. student, visiting faculty, administrative staff member, or research assistant. These accounts do not expire.

In addition, faculty can request accounts for their classes. These accounts expire at the end of the semester.

The College of Business and Economics subscribes to the Wharton Research Data Service (WRDS). The WRDS interface offers researchers point-and-click access and a menu of variables for researching several hundred firms simultaneously. Telnet access allows users to run existing C, FORTRAN, SAS, and a variety of statistical analysis software on WRDS with little or no modification. Entire databases can be downloaded to a PC for further analysis.

### **WRDS Subscription Process**

To obtain your individual WRDS accounts:

**Step I** - Point your web browser to <http://wrds.wharton.upenn.edu>.

**Step II** - Along the left-hand side you will notice a link entitled "Account Request." Click on that link.

**Step III** - Fill out the Account Request form. Be sure to choose the Australian National University from the list of schools. When you are finished click on "Submit." This will send your request to the WRDS helpdesk where your account will be generated.

**Step IV** - Once your account has been created by the College's local WRDS representative, WRDS will send an e-mail with your Log-in and Password information. This is part of the WRDS Authentication Process to ensure that no one outside the College of Business and Economics, attempts to receive an account.

**Step V** - You may log into WRDS and begin using your new account. Because the WRDS service is internet-based, you can access Wharton Research Data Services from anywhere in the world!

WRDS may also be accessed through any log-in session. Once you have received your account information, consult the "Help" menu on the WRDS homepage for further instructions on using these access methods.

Account Parameters: Storage space for each user is limited to 25 megabytes of permanent workspace and up to 250 megabytes of temporary project space. In addition, 64 gigabytes of common temporary space is available.

WRDS [professional research and technical support specialists](#) are available to assist you with any concerns.