

Impact Investing Research Intern
Wharton Social Impact Initiative

Commitment: 35 hours/week

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Background: The Wharton Social Impact Initiative (WSII) leads the Wharton School's work in impact investing, social entrepreneurship, impact analytics, and strategic corporate social impact. One of WSII's core practices is to advance research and improve the state of knowledge on the business of social impact. To this end, WSII is conducting research on impact-focused private equity funds to explore their financial performance, social impact objectives, and organizational culture. This project is one of high priority for WSII and involves business faculty members at Wharton, UChicago Booth, and Harvard Business School. In addition, WSII is leading or partnering on several other initiatives on finance and enterprise for social good.

Job Description: This is an opportunity to learn about impact investing and social enterprise while becoming familiar with the technical aspects of rigorous academic research. The Research Intern will contribute to data collection, database management, and other research-related priorities. Responsibilities include but are not limited to—

- Assisting with outreach to impact investing funds
- Consulting on survey development and implementation
- Monitoring, organizing, and cataloging data while ensuring quality control
- Collecting and applying user experience feedback from researchers
- Promoting WSII's data assets to the social enterprise and impact finance research community
- Providing input and support on other research initiatives as necessary

The Intern will work closely with the WSII team and will assist with other projects as needs arise. The work will require the position to be based primarily out of the WSII offices in Philadelphia.

Qualifications: We are seeking a diverse range of candidates that meet many of the following attributes and skills—

- Demonstrated experience with database management
- Intermediate to high proficiency in Excel
- An orientation toward sales and relationship management (polished writing skills, professional phone manner, high attention to detail)
- Personal discretion with sensitive information
- Interest in research planning and execution
- Familiarity with finance and accounting is a plus
- Familiarity with statistical programming software (R, SPSS, Stata, etc.) is a plus

Compensation: Undergraduate interns are eligible for a taxable stipend of up to \$4,000 total (paid weekly) for a maximum of 35-40 hours/week. Stipend amounts for graduate students vary and will be discussed with the candidate.

To apply: [Submit your application and upload your resume here](#). We will be accepting applications on a rolling basis. Only candidates moving forward with an interview will be notified.

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