



social impact at
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DRIVING CHANGE IN A COMMUNITY OF LEADERS

Joseph Wharton created business education in 1881, with a pioneering vision of developing individuals to become “pillars of the state, whether in private or in public life.” This commitment continues to define the school today.

Social impact thrives at Wharton, both in our curriculum and in a wide range of activities that involve students, administration, alumni, industry, and philanthropic organizations.

"People want to make a positive impact on the world around them. They might not all be going into nonprofits, but there's a lot of socially-minded work at this school. Wharton has helped me to see the possibilities of how I can be a social entrepreneur and make a difference."

Jordan Bookey WG'07



Curriculum

THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF THE WHARTON MBA CURRICULUM offer students interested in social impact an unparalleled opportunity to develop skills and talents that last a lifetime.

Our cross-functional first year core curriculum prepares students for diverse careers in business, government, nonprofits, and international agencies. The second year allows them to specialize in one or more of 19 majors, including Business and Public Policy.

Some of the more popular electives for students interested in social impact include:

- Business Ethics and Corporate Responsibility
- Community Reinvestment: Competitive Strategy for Developing Depressed Areas
- Entrepreneurship and Social Wealth Creation
- Environmental Management Law and Policy
- Environmental Sustainability and Value Creation
- International Business Ethics
- Microfinance
- Private Equity in Emerging Markets
- Urban Fiscal Policy

Clubs, Conferences and Community Service

Wharton Social Impact

Wharton's chapter of Net Impact National that promotes social impact careers and raises awareness of critical social issues. The club hosts the annual Wharton Social Impact Conference.

Wharton Community Consultants

Provides consulting and advisory services to nonprofit and community organizations in the Philadelphia area.

Wharton International Volunteer Program

Utilizes students' business skills to benefit those in need throughout the world by sending teams of Wharton MBA students overseas to work for two to four weeks on development projects in emerging economies.

Nonprofit Board Leadership Program

Selects and trains second year MBA students to serve on the boards of nonprofit organizations in the Philadelphia area.

Wharton Social Impact Conference

Brings together leaders from the nonprofit, public, and private sectors to engage in dialogue about the crucial issues facing society today.

Carol and Lawrence Zicklin Center for Business Ethics Research

Sponsors and disseminates leading-edge research on critical topics in business ethics.

Summer Public Interest Fund

Supplements the salaries of first year MBA students pursuing summer internships in areas that serve the public good.

John M. Bendheim Loan Forgiveness Fund for Public Service

Provides financial support to Wharton MBA graduates who pursue careers in the public or nonprofit sectors.

Levy Fellowship Fund

Supports students interested in careers in the nonprofit sector.

Levy Social Impact Fund

Funds initiatives in social impact management and business ethics.



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MBA/MA-Lauder Program

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MBA Program for Executives

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email: mbaexec-admissions@wharton.upenn.edu

Executive Education Program

web: <http://executiveeducation.wharton.upenn.edu/>

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