



The Pension Research Council

MISSION

The Pension Research Council at the Wharton School is a research center at the University of Pennsylvania committed to generating knowledge and debate on key policy issues affecting pensions and other employee benefits. For over 65 years, the Council has sponsored high-level analysis of private and public retirement security and related benefit plans around the world. Research projects are motivated by the need to address the long-term issues that underlie contemporary concerns about retirement system structures and resiliency. Members seek to broaden understanding of the complex economic, financial, social, actuarial, and legal foundations for and impacts of privately- and publicly-provided benefits. The Pension Research Council is a non-profit organization, and contributions to it are tax-deductible.

RESEARCH

The Pension Research Council hosts annual conferences, sponsors individual projects, and issues publications based on these activities. Conference subjects are proposed by Pension Research Council members who suggest topics of timely interest to the Advisory Board. Recent conferences have addressed ways to manage longevity risk, debt close to retirement, and financial decision-making at older ages, as well as the impact of FinTech on retirement systems. At these conferences, all Members have an opportunity to chart new research directions and to offer commentary on Council activities. The Pension Research Council also offers limited funding to help bring high-quality research projects to fruition. Proposals from academics and other scholars are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Advisory Board.

SUPPORT

The research program of the Pension Research Council is supported by annual contributions from Members, and grants. Members are drawn from the plan sponsor community, benefits consulting firms, insurance firms, financial sector experts, and the general corporate world, united by a keen interest in the soundness of the employee benefits enterprise. Funding from the Ralph H. Blanchard Memorial Endowment established by the Mutual of America Life Insurance Company as well as The Boettner Center for Pensions and Retirement Research is instrumental in sponsoring faculty and student research as well as our publications series. Research grants are also solicited from government agencies, nonprofit foundations, and corporations.

For more information about the Pension Research Council please visit:

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ADVISORY BOARD

Appointed by the Dean of the Wharton School, members of the Pension Research Council Advisory Board are leaders in the pension and benefits field. They include executives, actuaries, attorneys, labor representatives, consultants, state and federal policymakers, and academics. The Advisory Board develops, commissions, and evaluates Council research projects including externally-generated proposals. Advisory Board Members share a strong desire to encourage and strengthen private sector approaches to economic security, while at the same time recognizing the essential role of Social Security and other public programs for old-age security.

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- All Members receive on a complimentary basis all Pension Research Council publications which include books, monographs, and working papers.
- All Members have the opportunity to interact with academics, practitioners, and policymakers, and to propose new directions for the Pension Research Council research program.
- Members join the Wharton Partnership, the School's corporate affiliates program. Partnership status enhances an employer's access to recruitment opportunities for Wharton MBA and undergraduate students as well as Executive Education programs.
- Members interact with the Council in symposia and other meetings, and they receive regular communication on current research initiatives.

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