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Wharton School's Pension Research Council Welcomes BlackRock as Director Level Member

The <u>Pension Research Council</u> at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania is pleased to announce that <u>BlackRock</u> has rejoined the Council as a Director Level Member for 2025.

Robert Crothers, Head of US Retirement at BlackRock said, "We look forward to continuing to work with The Pension Research Council of the Wharton School to help more and more people across the globe achieve a secure retirement."

Dr. Olivia S. Mitchell, Professor of Insurance/Risk Management and Applied Economics/Policy, and Executive Director of the Wharton's Pension Research Council at the University of Pennsylvania, said: "The Council is delighted to continue our research relationship with BlackRock. We look forward to ever-greater collaboration on matters of retirement security and financial literacy."

About BlackRock

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The Pension Research Council is committed to generating debate on key policy issues affecting pensions and other employee benefits. The Council sponsors interdisciplinary research on private pension and social security programs, as well as related benefit plans in the United States and around the world. It supports scholarly research on global aging, successful retirement, and retirement income security while facilitating access to research and data critical to the investigation of retirement security. Working papers are posted on the Pension Research Council website and available for download.

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