

Report on usage of CERF-funded datasets – 27/04/15

CERF-funded datasets

CERF currently fund subscriptions to three advanced financial research databases:

- WRDS interface
- Compustat (accessed via WRDS)
- CRSP (accessed via WRDS)

Timeframe

This report analyses usage of these datasets for the period of one year: 01 March 2014 to 28 February 2015.

Users

There are currently 130 registered users –chiefly individual Phd students and Faculty members. However, only 40 of these are ‘active’ users i.e. users who have run queries on the above datasets in the last year.

These 40 break down as follows:

- Non-Judge (rest of University): 23 (57.5%)
- Judge: 17 (42.5%)

Usage

There have been a total of 2268 queries during the year.

These queries break down as follows:

- Non-Judge (rest of University): 1609 queries (71%)
- Judge: 659 queries (29%)

Conclusion

Over the last year the majority of research on these databases was undertaken by users who are not members of, or affiliated to, Judge Business School. Therefore there is a strong case for CERF to continue to fund these datasets.

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