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Type of data	Examples	Historic / current data	Recommended sources global data	Recommended source U.S. Data	Recommended identifier global	Recommended identifier U.S. data
Accounting data	Firm sales	H	Datastream (worldscope), Factset, Orbis	Compustat (via WRDS)	ISIN, SEDOL	CUSIP (compustat provides CURRENT CUSIP)
	Firm assets	H	Datastream (worldscope), Factset, Orbis	Compustat (via WRDS)	ISIN, SEDOL	CUSIP
	R&D	H	Datastream (worldscope), Factset, Orbis - limited coverage	Compustat (via WRDS)	ISIN, SEDOL	CUSIP
	Capital expenditures	H	Datastream (worldscope), Factset, Orbis	Compustat (via WRDS)	ISIN, SEDOL	CUSIP
	Book value of equity	H	Datastream (worldscope), Factset, Orbis	Compustat (via WRDS)	ISIN, SEDOL	CUSIP
	Outstanding debt/leverage	H	Datastream (worldscope), Factset, Orbis	Global	ISIN, SEDOL	CUSIP
Firm stock data	Firm's stock prices & returns	H (daily, monthly, annual)	Datastream, Factset	CRSP stock file (via WRDS)	ISIN, SEDOL	CURRENT & HISTORIC CUSIP, PERMNO
	Firms shares outstanding	H (daily, monthly, annual)	Datastream, Factset	CRSP stock file (via WRDS)	ISIN, SEDOL	CUSIP (CRSP supports historic CUSIP)
	Dividend	H	Datastream, Factset	CRSP stock file (via WRDS)	ISIN, SEDOL	CUSIP (CRSP supports historic CUSIP)
Firm bond data (generally coverage is limited)	Bond price	H (might be limited)	Datastream (limited coverage), Factset (more coverage)	Trace (WRDS), Factset, Datastream	Bond ISIN	Trace can support bond cusip and bond symbol
	Yield to maturity/redemption	H (might be limited)	Datastream (limited coverage), Factset (more coverage)	Trace (WRDS), Factset, Datastream	Bond ISIN	Factset and Datastream: see global identifier
	Bond credit rating	H (might be limited)	Datastream (S&P rating), Factset (Moody's)	Trace (WRDS), Factset, Datastream	Bond ISIN	ISIN, CUSIP & TRACE bond symbol
	ISSUER ratings	H (might be limited)	Datastream (S&P rating), Factset (Moody's)	Trace (WRDS), Factset, Datastream, Compustat "legacy" (limited)	ISIN (use bond-ISIN in Datastream) connect to firm ISIN with factset	ISIN, CUSIP
Market-wide stock data	Stock indexes	H	Datastream, Factset	Datastream, Factset, CRSP (via WRDS)	Various, can be database specific, but a TICKER works well usually	See global identifiers
Equity ownership (firms)	Institutional ownership	H	Factset, Orbis (more difficult for historic time-series)	Factset, Thomson Reuters (WRDS)	ISIN (Factset, Orbis)	CUSIP
	Insider ownership	H	Factset, Orbis (more difficult for historic time-series)	Factset, Thomson Reuters (WRDS)	ISIN (Factset, Orbis)	CUSIP
	Mutual fund ownership	H	Factset	Factset, Thomson Reuters (WRDS)	ISIN	ISIN, CUSIP (Thomson Reuters)
	Specific owners' details	H	Factset, Orbis (more difficult for historic time-series)	Factset, Orbis	ISIN	ISIN
Mutual Funds	Returns, distributions	H	Datastream (section Unit Trusts)	CRSP Mutual Funds (WRDS)	DS code, ISIN	CRSP fund/portfolio identifier, CUSIP
	Fund equity holdings	H	Factset (12 quarters historic)	CRSP Mutual Funds (WRDS)	ISIN, CUSIP, Factset ID	CRSP fund/portfolio identifier
	Fund fees, size, other "summary" (info)	H/C	Datastream (limited), Factset (limited, current data mainly)	CRSP Mutual Funds (WRDS)	DS code, ISIN, CUSIP (Factset)	CRSP fund/portfolio identifier, CUSIP
Analyst forecast data	Future earnings (growth) forecast	H	I/B/E/S (WRDS), Factset	I/B/E/S (WRDS)	IBES ticker (I/B/E/S), CUSIP	IBES ticker (I/B/E/S), CUSIP
Private companies	Accounting data	H	Factset, Orbis, Amadeus (WRDS)	Factset, Orbis, Amadeus (WRDS)	Various, can be database-specific	Various, can be database-specific
Economic data	GDP, Inflation (CPI), Leading indexes	H	Datastream, Factset, Public Sources	Datastream, Factset, Public sources	Various, can be database-specific	Various, can be database-specific
Options / derivatives	Prices	H (limited coverage)	Datastream, Factset	Datastream, Factset	Various	Various
Corporate governance & sustainability	Environmental, Social Performance	H	Datastream (ASSET4 module)	Datastream (ASSET4), KLD (WRDS)	ISIN	CUSIP (historic)
Shareholder activism	Shareholder proposals	H	None	Rismketrics / ISS (WRDS)	None	CUSIP
Board of directors	Board members, size, gender, etc.	H (limited for non-U.S)	Factset, Orbis	Factset, Orbis, Riskmetrics Directors (WRDS)	ISIN	CUSIP

This overview covers the most common data requests among students and is by no means all-encompassing.

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