

Data Science Capstone Release Form

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Accordingly, in conducting your capstone project, you are required to make one of the following declarations:

- ☒ My capstone project is not based upon and does not include restricted information.
- ☐ My capstone project is based upon and/or includes restricted information. *Before* submitting any capstone work, I will obtain authorization to use the restricted information in the manner proscribed by WGU.

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Authorization to Use Restricted Information

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Instructions: Use the template below to produce a letter that will authorize your use of restricted information when this document is signed by an individual with the necessary authority within your employer company or another organization.

<Name, Title & Address>

<Date>

Re: Authorization to use proprietary and/or classified information in a student research project

Dear [*Sir or Madam*],

The purpose of this letter is to authorize [*insert student name*], a student at Western Governors University, to conduct a university capstone research project utilizing the following information and/or material owned or protected by [*insert name of organization*]:

[*Provide a description of the project and specific information/material to be used in your capstone project.*]

By signing below, I represent that I am legally authorized to act on behalf of [*insert name of organization*] with respect to this authorization and that [*insert name of organization*] authorizes [*insert student name*] to use the information and/or material referenced above for the purposes of a student research project at Western Governors University, and that I recognize that the information and/or material may be shared with university faculty and students.

<Signature>

< Date>

<Title>

<Address>

<Email>

<Phone >



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