Data Sharing and Data Management Plans

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Why Care About Data Sharing & Research Transparency?
Being a good researcher

How we come to gain knowledge is foundational to science.

This is cool! But not science.
“Our literature review has indicated that explicitly embedding open and reproducible scholarship into Higher Education can clearly enhance student engagement, scientific literacy, and attitudes.” (p. 46)

Source: https://doi.org/10.31222/osf.io/9e526
Allow others to scrutinize…

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Update on "Police Violence and the Health of Black Infants": After publication, a reader discovered classification errors in the openly shared data. After learning about errors, I conducted a thorough investigation focusing on a larger sample of cases that revealed: 1/4

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Therefore, I requested a retraction of the article and the editors agreed. I apologize that errors were not discovered before publication. I am grateful that someone found the classification errors allowing me to investigate the issue and correct it quickly. 4/4

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…and build on your work

Publication, Publication

Gary King, Harvard University

https://gking.harvard.edu/files/abs/paperspub-abs.shtml

“I show herein how to write a publishable paper by beginning with the replication of a published article. (…) Some students ask: ‘Why begin an original research paper by replicating some old work?’ A paper that is publishable is one that by definition advances knowledge. If you start by replicating an existing work, then you are right at the cutting edge of the field. If you can then improve any one aspect of the research that makes a substantive difference and is defensible, you have a publishable paper.”
Be a good citizen

Open science is more impactful

Covid-19: How unprecedented data sharing has led to faster-than-ever outbreak research

23 March 2020
by Ian Le Guillou

Data Availability

The following policy applies to all PLOS journals, unless otherwise noted.

Introduction
PLOS journals require authors to make all data necessary to replicate their study’s findings publicly available without restriction at the time of publication. When specific legal or ethical restrictions prohibit public sharing of a data set, authors must indicate how others may obtain access to the data.

Source: https://journals.plos.org/plosone/s/data-availability

The TOP Guidelines were created by journals, funders, and societies to align scientific ideals with practices.
TOP provides a suite of tools to guide implementation of better, more transparent research.

The TOP Guidelines are a recognized standard in publishing and funding. With over 5,000 signatories, the TOP Guidelines are a widely used tool for implementing open science practices.
Research Data Services

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Research Data Services: Home

Data Management Planning - Data Collection - Analysis & Visualization - Research at S.U. - Research Tutorials - Data Purchase Program

Qualtrics Workshops

Research Data Services will be presenting a series of workshops on using Qualtrics online survey software.

Related Sites

- Numeric Data Resources
- GIS: Geographic Information Systems
- Resources for Doctoral Dissertation / Thesis Writers
- SURFACE
- Electronic Theses and Dissertations
- Data Science
- Arts and Humanities Funding

SU Libraries Research Data Services

SU Libraries offers a broad range of research data services related to the identification, collection, management, analysis, and curation of quantitative and qualitative research data. To contact the Research Data Services group, please send an email to datavcs@syr.edu.

Data Management Planning

Many funding agencies, such as the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), have requirements for data sharing and data management plans. Research Data Services can help you to put together such a plan to comply with the requirements.

Data Collection and Data Discovery

Research Data Services can provide consulting in research methods, study design, and questionnaire and interview design. We also provide assistance in locating and using freely available as well as proprietary quantitative, qualitative, and GIS data.

Data Analysis

Research Data Services can assist you with quantitative and qualitative data analysis, use of software, especially SAS, Stata, SPSS, Qualtrics, and ArcGIS. Services include research methodology, instrument design, and data analysis.

Data Visualization

Research Data Services can help you identify data visualization and GIS tools and resources.
What Is a Data Management Plan?

• A DMP describes how you will collect, organize, store, secure, back up, preserve and share your data
  – the types of data, samples, physical collections, software, curriculum materials, and other materials to be produced in the course of the project;
  – the standards to be used for data and metadata format and content (where existing standards are absent or deemed inadequate, this should be documented along with any proposed solutions or remedies);
  – policies for access and sharing including provisions for appropriate protection of privacy, confidentiality, security, intellectual property, or other rights or requirements;
  – policies and provisions for re-use, re-distribution, and the production of derivatives; and
  – plans for archiving data, samples, and other research products, and for preservation of access to them.

http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/policydocs/pappguide/nsf11001/gpg_2.jsp#dmp
Why Do I Need A DMP?

• Required by NSF, NIH and other funding agencies as well as some journals
  – Even if there is no requirement from the funder, journal, creating a DMP is still a good idea
• Sharing your data is required
  – Fully justify why you cannot share the data
    ▪ Having human subjects is not, in and of itself, a reason to not share
Types of Data

• The types of data, samples, physical collections, software, curriculum materials, and other materials to be produced during the project;
  – What type of data you will collect and how, including secondary data
  – Data format and size over the course of the project
  – A plan to back up the data
  – The tools or software needed to create, process, visualize the data
Metadata

• The standards to be used for data and metadata format and content (where existing standards are absent or deemed inadequate, this should be documented along with any proposed solutions or remedies)
  – Different disciplines have different standards, as do different archives
  – Metadata aids in discoverability
  – How can someone else use this data without my help?
Sharing and Access Policies

- Policies for access and sharing including provisions for appropriate protection of privacy, confidentiality, security, intellectual property, or other rights or requirements
  - How and where will you make the data available when the time comes?
  - What will be the process for accessing the data?
  - How will you protect privacy?
  - What, if any, complications might there be vis-à-vis IRB requirements?
    - Data sharing must be included in Informed Consent
Re-use of the Data

• Policies and provisions for re-use, re-distribution, and the production of derivatives; and
  – Who needs to access the data during the project and how they will do so
  – Designate a data manager
  – Who will want to use the data after the project is over?
Archiving and Preservation

• Plans for archiving data, samples, and other research products, and for preservation of access to them.
  – What archive/repository?
  – Retention period
  – Will the data be curated?
Active vs Archival vs Shared Data

- You will need different procedures and standards for the working or active data as opposed to the archival.
- Active data may need frequent updating and access by several people
  - Version control!
- Archival data is relatively fixed, only need infrequent access
  - Version control!
- Shared data is what the rest of the world gets
Points to Ponder

• Data format and size over the course of the project
• Retention period
• Privacy and security requirements – IRB!
• A plan to back up the data
• Who needs to access the data during the project and how they will do so
• Designate a data manager
• The tools or software needed to create, process, visualize the data
DMPTool

- Online tool to assist in completing a DMP
- Has templates for all NSF and NIH directorates as well as several other funding agencies
- Has samples, suggestions
- https://dmptool.org/
Thank you!

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• http://researchguides.library.syr.edu/dataservices
Thinking about Data Management Plans
Data Management Plans: A Very Short History

• Originated in 1960s and 1970s for complex engineering projects, especially aerospace
• In early 2000s, renewed interest to accommodate growth of digital data
• Mandated for all funding bodies in UK since mid-2000s
• In US, mandated by NSF since 2011; by NIH starting 2023; focus on data sharing;
• Mandated for EU funding as part of Horizon 2020
DMP vs. IRB

- IRB: Required based on federal regulations
- DMP: Required by many funders
- *Both require you to document data collection and sharing procedure*
- Critical to ensure DMP and IRB application align
DMP: Your Audiences

• Your funder
  • Main interest: funding impact, data sharing
• Grant reviewers
  • Main interest: your proposal, does the DMP support your proposal
• Your team
  • Co-authors, student workers, translators, transcribers, committee members
  • Main interest: data collection, does DMP help convey principles to team members
• Your future self
  • Main interest: does DMP help remind you of/prepare you for key decisions
What Funders Want

- Maximize impact
- Data sharing
- Use of suitable infrastructure
- DMP Tool
- Data repository
- NSF: Explicitly allows for DMP budget
NSF Example

- DMP is part of review package
- Panel has to comment on (i.e. at least skim) DMP

DMP = Additional 2 pages to showcase your competence
Your Team

• DMP as reference document for team members
  • “How did we say we were going to store/organize…”

• Be specific! DMP can & should contain specifics about file/folder organizations, formats, etc.

• DMP as “living document”– keep your DMP updated with changes in plans
Future Self

• DMP: Opportunity to plan key decisions ahead of time
• Check with others involved
  • IRB
  • IT
  • Data Repository
  • Local partner organizations
Find examples of great DMPs

DMP Competition Winners: DMPs so good they go to 11

https://qdr.syr.edu/qdr-blog/dmp-competition-winners-dmps-so-good-they-go-11

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