NIH 2023 DM&S POLICY AT A GLANCE

The new NIH's Data Management and Sharing (DM&S) Policy goes into effect for grants submitted on or after January 25, 2023.

WHAT? NIH requires all applicants whose projects anticipate generating scientific data to submit a DM&S Plan describing how scientific data will be managed and shared. The plan must be approved before funding can be awarded, and awardees must comply with the pre-approved plans.

WHY? A DM&S Plan ensures that applicants specify the scope of their responsibilities and the processes, limitations, and requirements for better managing and making scientific data available. It also helps researchers budget for allowable associated costs and anticipates the support needed to comply with their plans.

WHEN? At a minimum, scientific data supporting a publication must be shared by the time of publication (when the publication first appears, either online or in print). Other scientific data must be shared by the end of the research project or protocol.
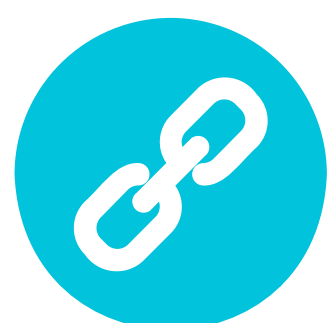
HOW? Grant applicants should prepare a two-page document considering ways to share data as openly as possible to foster reusability and accelerate discovery and as close as needed to safeguard subjects' privacy and protect sensitive data. NIH recognizes that not all data can be shared as long as justifiable reasons for limiting data sharing are presented.

WHERE? NIH expects researchers to maximize the appropriate sharing of scientific data and other outputs resulting from NIH funding. The agency recommends using open data repositories suitable for their data type and discipline based on the requirements specified here.

Learn more

Explore the NIH Website
Navigate the most detailed take on the policy requirements, access the complete documentation, and check the latest official announcements.
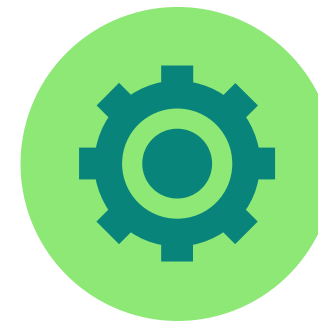https://sharing.nih.gov/data-management-and-sharing-policy

Visit our NIH Libguide
Check our guide, which summarizes the key aspects of the NIH DM&S policy and lists campus-specific resources and other useful tips.
https://guides.library.ucsb.edu/data_management/nih

Try the DMPTool
Use a web-based service supported by UCSB to produce machine-actionable DM&S Plans based on the NIH template with examples and helpful resources.
https://dmptool.org

Consult with our Team
Need help with your DM&S Plan, or would you like us to revise your plan before submission? Schedule a consultation with us: rds@library.ucsb.edu