

NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy

NOT-OD-21-013: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-013.html>

Effective Date

2023-01-25

Applies to

All research grant applications and contract proposals submitted to the NIH on or after the effective date for research that generates scientific data.

Requires

1. Submission of a Data Management and Sharing Plan describing the study team's plans for managing and sharing the data generated by the research effort
2. Compliance with the approved Data Management and Sharing Plan (which may differ from the submitted plan if modifications have been made during the application process).

Timelines

Data should be made available no later than the time of publication or the end of the performance period, whichever comes first. There is no specified time frame for how long data should be made available, but researchers should consider various agreements such as repository policies or award retention policies to determine the minimum time frame.

Assistance in Complying with Policy

The NIH has created three supplemental documents to assist researchers in understanding and complying with the new policy. These are:

1. Elements of an NIH Data Management and Sharing Plan, which assists researchers in understanding what their plan should look like and how it should account for various aspects of data management and sharing.
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-014.html>
2. Allowable Costs for Data Management and Sharing, which assists researchers in understanding what they can include in budget requests related to the data management and sharing requirements.
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-015.html>
3. Selecting a Repository for Data Resulting from NIH-Supported Research, which assists researchers in selecting an appropriate destination for their data.
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-016.html>

Compliance and Enforcement

During the funding period, the approved Data Management and Sharing Plan will become part of the terms and conditions of the award. Compliance with all terms and conditions, including the plan, will be determined by the NIH ICO (institute, center, or office). After the funding period, any non-compliance with previous plans may be taken into account when determining future funding decisions for the receiving institution.