Make the most of your research data

RESEARCH DATA SERVICES FOR INSTITUTIONS

Help your researchers organise, share and get credit for their data.

We can support your institution to:

• Ensure compliance with funder and institutional research data policies
• Save time and effort depositing and organising research data
• Make research data easier to cite and reuse, and incentivise researchers to share their research data
• Promote best practice in research data management
Research data services for institutions

We’re passionate about making data sharing and research data best practice the new normal.

To meet the growing demand for research data management support, we’re offering the following services specifically for institutions:

• Research Data Support for institutions
• Research data training
• Data availability reporting

We look forward to working with you to support your institutional aims.

Research Data Support

Helping researchers make their data easier to find, access, understand and cite.

Don’t have the time or resource to support researchers with research data management in-house, or just need some additional support to complement your team? We can help your institution follow research data sharing best practice quickly and easily.

Research Data Support for institutions is a service that organises, curates and deposits datasets. Our goal is to enhance research datasets, making them more valuable and discoverable to the wider research community.

Benefits for your researchers:

• One-to-one support from experienced research data editors
• Expert curation to ensure datasets can be easily discovered and reused
• Dataset deposition in accordance with best practices
• You and your researchers remain in control of your data (including licensing choice)

Institutional benefits:

• Compliance with funders’ data sharing requirements and policies
• Support to complement your institution’s existing practices and policies
• A reliable and scalable data support model for researchers
• Increased exposure for your institution’s research: articles with open data are cited up to 50% more

The case for data sharing

There is evidence that good data practice leads to:

• Increased citation
• Increased reproducibility (quality/robustness) of research
• Increased productivity
• Reduced harm and costs of biased/non-transparent research
• Support for career progression

Organising data in a presentable and useful way has been identified by researchers as the biggest challenge to data sharing.

Researchers are positive about data sharing

76% of researchers rate the importance of making their data discoverable highly – with an average rating of 7.3 out of 10.
Research data training

Training solutions to benefit your team and researchers at your institution.

Our training programme directly addresses one of the main challenges researchers encounter around data sharing: organising data in a presentable and useful way. As part of the Nature Research Academies, we offer trusted quality and a professional perspective on research data best practice.

Training is available both for researchers and information professionals, and is appropriate for all levels of prior knowledge.

Training pathways and key learning outcomes

Our training programme helps attendees understand the value of research data and how data can be shared effectively.

We offer a one- or two-day workshop, or webinar series, to meet the needs of your institution.

Courses are suitable for researchers across all disciplines, and are held on-site at your institution or online.

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Data availability reporting

Helping institutions understand how researchers are sharing their data.

If your institution or library wants to understand more about how researchers are sharing data, we’re here to help. Our data availability reporting service can aid compliance monitoring, saving institutions and research support staff time in understanding the data sharing practices of their researchers.

The report includes two main components:
- A summary document including graphs of key figures, tables and an executive summary
- The underlying data file - so institutions can conduct their own analyses and populate institutional data catalogues

Our service provides expertly curated and easy-to-understand information on how researchers at your organisation are sharing data associated with articles published in Springer Nature journals.

Sources and references
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9. Internal analysis, global funder policies

Growth in policies for data sharing

80+ funders internationally now have policies

54 policies require data sharing

31 policies encourage data sharing

Most of these policies have been announced in the past five years