Iowa State University
RESEARCH DATA
FLOW CHART, FORM AND FAQ

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- Research Data Policy
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why should I share my research data?
A: The university encourages the wide dissemination of research data consistent with its mission and to ensure the research data is Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable (FAIR). Additionally, many sponsors and scientific publications require research data be made publicly accessible.

Q: Is all research data shareable?
A: Although generally the wide dissemination of research data is encouraged, university policies, regulatory requirements, and sponsor restrictions may restrict the dissemination of research data. See Data Restrictions in the Research Data Policy and the Research Data Sharing Flowchart for additional information regarding restrictions.

Q: What research data should I share?
A: Disciplinary guidelines may offer specific guidance. At a minimum it is recommended that research data to reproduce and validate results cited in these journals, journal articles and other publications and that has the potential for reuse by others be shared.

Q: What if there is no public repository for my discipline or the type of research data I want to share?
A: Consider depositing your data in the university's repository, DataShare or contacting the University Library (datashare@iastate.edu) to discuss other options.

Q: My funding source has requirements that are stricter than these guidelines, what requirements do I have to follow?
A: The requirements in these guidelines are considered the MINIMUM requirements. If funding sources, or other governing documents/entities require additional standards, those standards will apply and supersede these guidelines.

Q: Do these guidelines apply to the retention of physical data such as printed photos, biological specimens, prototypes, etc.
A: This is determined on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the *Office of the Vice President for Research at vpr@iastate.edu or* (294-6344).

Q: What other laws, policies, and regulations may apply to research data?
A: See Data Restrictions in the Research Data Policy.

Q: How soon should I share my research data?
A: The university encourages the sharing of research data as soon as practicable while respecting disciplinary practices, regulatory restrictions, sponsor restrictions or requirements, and university policies.

Q: How will research data be licensed?

A: The Office of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer (OIPTT) will review submitted research data and recommend appropriate licensing options for the research data when intellectual property has been generated. An overview of the licensing options are available on OIPTT's [website.](website) When data is meant to be open for reuse, licensing options are described on the DataShare website.

Q: What is included in the incidental use of university resources?

A: Incidental use of university resources generally includes (a) tools or services for which the costs have been reimbursed by the employee; (b) student instructional support covered by tuition and fees (for students not on appointment); (c) support received by student organizations through the student fee allocation process; and (d) other ancillary uses of university resources, which shall be reviewed on a case by case basis to ensure consistency with the university's intellectual property policies (in consultation with the Iowa State University Research Foundation).

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