Research data sharing

There is an increased emphasis on managing and sharing data produced in research. The general expectation is that publicly funded research data are a public good, and should be made openly available with as few restrictions as possible. This also applies to research data produced by students at the University of Cambridge.

But don’t panic – the University has created dedicated resources to help you with data sharing requirements:
- www.data.cam.ac.uk/upload: simple form to submit your data to the University of Cambridge repository
- www.data.cam.ac.uk/repository: information on available repositories
- www.data.cam.ac.uk/funders: links to funders’ policies
- www.data.cam.ac.uk/faq-0: list of frequently asked questions about data sharing (approved by the EPSRC)
- www.data.cam.ac.uk/events: list of training and events to help you with research data management

University of Cambridge Research Data Management Policy Framework

To advise researchers on the best practice of research data sharing, the University of Cambridge has approved the new University of Cambridge Research Data Management Policy Framework

The aim of this policy framework is to:

- provide guidance to all University academics, staff and students on research data management
- ensure that the University undertakes appropriate institutional steps to help its academics to adhere to good data management practice (and to meet the policy requirements University funders).
Funder’s policies

Many of the research funders supporting work at the University of Cambridge require that research data are openly available with as few restrictions as possible. Additionally, some funders (BBSRC, NERC, EPSRC, and ESRC) introduced sanctions for non-compliance with their research data sharing policies. To guide you through the policy landscape we provide information on funders’ policies.

Related links to be placed on the right-hand side

- Research Data Management website
- Funders’ policies on data
- University of Cambridge Research Data Management Policy Framework
- Open Data information sessions
- Open data training
- Share your data
- Contact us