



This guide summarises the data management and sharing requirements for research funded by the Gates Foundation. Please visit their website for further details.

Resource types covered:	Primary data produced as a research outputs or a by-product of activities performed during the study. Emphasis upon final outputs, rather than interim versions.
Data Plan:	A 'Data Access Plan' must be prepared for grants over \$500,000. A template is available on the funder website. LSHTM-led grants under this limit must complete an LSHTM Data Management Plan for internal use.
Data-related funds:	Data-related fees may be requested as part of the project budget, on condition that they are clearly explained in the research bid.
Retention:	Data should be kept for a minimum of 10 years following the end of the funding period. MRC-funded population & patient studies should retain data for 20 years minimum.
Data standards:	Open, well-documented standards and formats appropriate to the research field should be used. See https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/manage-data/format/ for examples.
Documentation:	Project and data-level documentation should be created. See https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/manage-data/document .
Data hosting:	Data should be made available through an appropriate digital repository or enclave for a minimum of 5 year. Consult http://www.re3data.org/ for examples of subject repositories.
Sharing timescales:	A release embargo is permitted to allow publication of research findings – Gates expect data to be made available within 12-18 months of the end of grant. Data and other outputs that underpin research publications must be made available by the time the paper is published.
Rights:	Use of open licences such as Open Data Commons and Creative Commons are encouraged. Third party IPR should be addressed prior to data release.
Monitoring:	Data sharing activities should be addressed in the progress & final report. Decisions to withhold data may be taken into account when making future funding decisions.

References:

- Gates Foundation: Global Health Data Access Principles
<https://docs.gatesfoundation.org/Documents/data-access-principles.pdf>
- Gates Foundation: Data Access Principles - Frequently Asked Questions
<https://docs.gatesfoundation.org/Documents/faq.pdf>
- Gates Foundation: Data Access Plan
http://docs.gatesfoundation.org/grantseeker/Documents/Appendix_D_Data_Access_Plan.doc