



This guide summarises the data management and sharing requirements for research funded by the Biotechnology and Biosciences Research Council (BBSRC). Please visit their website for further details.

Resource types covered: Interim and final research outputs, including qualitative data, quantitative data, software code, scripts and other resources.

Data Plan: A 'Statement on Data Sharing' (Data Sharing Plan) must be provided in the research bid.

Data-related funds: Data-related fees may be requested as part of Full Economic Costs, on condition that they are clearly explained in the DMP & Case for Support

Retention: Data should be kept for a minimum of 10 years following the end of the funding period.

Data standards: Open, well-documented standards and formats should be used. See <https://www.ukdataservice.ac.uk/manage-data/format/> for examples.

Documentation: Subject-specific documentation should be produced that describes the content and context in which it was created.

Data hosting: Data should be made available through an appropriate digital repository, such as LSHTM Data Compass. Consult <http://www.re3data.org/> for examples of relevant repositories.

Sharing timescales: Research outputs that underpin research findings should be made available at the same time as articles describing the work are published, or in compliance with best practice within the research discipline.

A release embargo is permitted to allow publication of research findings – recommend a maximum of 12 months from the end of grant.

Rights: IPR will typically remain with the institution(s) performing the research. 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: Compliance monitored through Final Report assessment procedure. Data sharing of previously produced research is taken into account when assessing future proposals.

References:

- BBSRC Data Management Plan and Data Sharing Policy
<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/funding/apply/application-guidance/data-management/>
- BBSRC Statement on Safeguarding Good Scientific Practice
<http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/about/policies-standards/good-scientific-practice/>
- Digital Curation Centre: Example Data Management Plans
<http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/data-management-plans/guidance-examples>