

Developing UKRI's research data policy

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Overview

UKRI is developing a new research data policy, which will update and streamline our expectations for sharing and managing research data and other research-relevant digital objects, including algorithms, software code and workflows, arising from UKRI-funded research.

This integrated policy will apply to research funded by the research councils, Research England, Innovate UK and cross-UKRI schemes. It aims to provide clearer and more consistent expectations and support best practice for different research domains and data types.

Between April and July 2025, we are welcoming stakeholder feedback on a draft version of the UKRI research data policy. This draft includes proposed common principles and requirements for research data and metadata.

As detailed in the draft policy, UKRI is taking a modular approach to developing this policy. Over 2025, in consultation with stakeholders, we will also be reviewing and developing:

- supplementary data- and domain-specific requirements and guidance, which will build on some of the expectations in our councils' current policies
- our expectations for sharing other research-relevant digital objects, including algorithms, software code and workflows
- our expectations and guidance for data management plans, support for data sharing costs, and monitoring and compliance.

You can also find out more about the policy and how we are developing it by joining our [UKRI research data policy information webinar on 7 May 2025](#).

Our [December 2024 announcement](#) provides further context about why UKRI is updating and harmonising its data sharing policy.

UKRI's draft research data policy

[Download a copy of the draft policy](#).

If you require this document in a different format, then please contact researchdatapolicy@ukri.org.

How to provide feedback

Over April-July 2025, we will be inviting a diversity of experts, organisations and representative bodies, from across our council and cross-sector stakeholder communities, to a series of roundtables and workshops. These engagements will be our core consultation mechanism for this policy.

However, other stakeholders can still share their views with UKRI, using the [online feedback form](#).

The closing date for feedback via this form is 11:59 PM on Wednesday 9 July 2025.

How we will use your feedback (updated 09.06.25 - please read)

UKRI will give all feedback, received both in writing and via engagements, due consideration in informing our final policy and supplementary guidance.

A fair and balanced summary of feedback will be used to inform any decision made. In most cases, the strength of the arguments made is likely to be given more weight than the number of times the same point is made.

UKRI will publish the final policy and guidance, alongside and explanation of any key changes and how these were informed by feedback, at the start of 2026. It will replace current UKRI and research council data sharing policies later in 2026, following an implementation period.

(Updated 09.06.25) UKRI may publish a high-level unattributed summary of all feedback received. We may share unattributed summaries of feedback received within UKRI and with external partners to inform UKRI's wider activities relating to research data. UKRI will not share any personal data or feedback that allows individuals or organisations to be identified.

What will happen next?

We will collect the survey data and use it to inform the development of UKRI's research data policy.

If you have a question about the development of UKRI's research data policy or how to provide feedback, please contact researchdatapolicy@ukri.org.

Further information

Media enquiries should be directed to [UKRI's press and media team](#).

Information about UKRI's and research councils' existing research data policies can be found on UKRI's website at [making your research data open](#). Applicants for UKRI funding and UKRI award holders must continue to follow these policies until informed otherwise.

GDPR statement

All personal data provided to UKRI in connection with this activity to develop UKRI's Research Data Policy and submitted in the survey form will be processed in accordance with current UK data protection legislation. The personal information that you provide on this form will only be used to build understanding of stakeholder groups responding to the consultation

in order to ensure that UKRI receives a broad range of views from relevant communities, and to provide context to responses. The information will only be viewed by UKRI staff. If you provide contact information, UKRI may use this to contact you further about the feedback you have submitted - however, UKRI will only contact you if you have provided consent for us to do so.

Further information on how we use personal data, and how you can exercise your rights as a data subject, can be found in the [UKRI Privacy Notice](#).

Introduction

1 Please provide your full name (title, first name and surname): *(Required)*

2 Please provide your email address: *(Required)*

Your email address will be used to send an automated response to you when you submit your feedback. You will not need to resubmit your email address at the end of the form.

If you consent to UKRI contacting you, we may also use this address to contact you about your feedback and provide updates about the development of the policy.

3 Do you consent to UKRI contacting you about your response? *(Required)*

Please select only one item

- Yes, I consent to UKRI contacting me about my response
- No, I do not consent to UKRI contacting me about my response

4 Do you consent to UKRI contacting you with updates about the development of the policy? *(Required)*

Please select only one item

- Yes, I consent to UKRI contacting me with updates about the development of the policy
- No, I do not consent to UKRI contacting me with updates about the development of the policy

5 Please indicate who you are responding on behalf of: *(Required)*

Please select only one item

- Yourself as an individual
- An organisation (including part of an organisation, department, informal group)

6 If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide the name of the

organisation (and specific part, if applicable):

7 Please select the option that best describes the capacity in which you, your organisation or your group are responding:

(Required) Please select only one item

- Researcher(s)
- Publisher (including employees and representative bodies)
- Learned society or academy
- Providers of research data infrastructure or services (including employees and representative bodies)
- Library or research management (including departments, employees and representative bodies)
- Research organisation, including higher education providers, research institutes, NHS bodies, public sector research establishments, independent research organisations, Catapult centres (including departments, employees and representative bodies)
- Business that conducts, uses or publishes research and/or innovation (including employees and representative bodies)
- Research and/or innovation funder (including employees and representative bodies)
- Member(s) of the public
- Other

If other, please specify:

8 Please specify which country you, your organisation or your group are based in:

(Required)

9 Which disciplinary area(s) would you associate you, your organisation or your group with?

Please select all that apply. *(Required)*

- Arts and humanities
- Medicine, health and life sciences
- Physical sciences, engineering and mathematics
- Social sciences
- Interdisciplinary research
- Not applicable

Feedback

Please enter your feedback about UKRI's draft research data policy into the free-text boxes below, which correspond to section headings in the draft policy. **It is not necessary to provide feedback on all sections and boxes can be left blank.**

We encourage responses to be as succinct as possible.

You can [download a copy of the draft policy](#).

10 Feedback regarding 'What this policy covers', 'Definitions' and 'Annex 1: supplementary information on policy scope' *(6000 characters max.)*

11 Feedback regarding 'Key principles' *(4000 characters max.)*

12 Feedback regarding 'Planning research' and any considerations you think UKRI should take into account in developing its approach and guidance for data management plans (DMPs) and support for costs. *(6000 characters max.)*

13 Feedback regarding 'What data to share' *(4000 characters max.)*

14 Feedback regarding 'When to share data' *(4000 characters max.)*

15 Feedback regarding 'Where to share data' *(4000 characters max.)*

16 Feedback regarding 'Implementing FAIR data' *(4000 characters max.)*

17 Feedback about 'Acknowledgement and recognition' and 'Citing and reusing data' *(4000 characters max.)*

18 Feedback about 'Data retention and preservation' *(4000 characters max.)*

19 Feedback about 'Responsible data sharing' *(4000 characters max.)*

20 Any other feedback or comments *(4000 characters max.)*