

# Research data management

## Essential information for researchers

Many public funders of research require those they fund to manage their research data responsibly, to preserve the data that underpin their published findings, and where possible to make them available so that other researchers may consult them, both to validate the published findings and to re-use the data for new research purposes.

The University requires its staff and students to manage research data responsibly, and to preserve and disseminate data of long-term value in compliance with its [Research Data Management Policy](#).

To help you manage your data effectively and comply with the University Policy, we provide a **research data management service**. Research data management (RDM) can help you comply with funding body and regulatory requirements, and enable you to realise the full value of the data you collect and generate, so that you achieve the maximum reach and impact for your research.

## Information and guidance

Visit the [research data management website](#) for an introduction to RDM, and guidance on data management planning, managing your data, and preserving and sharing data. Here you can find links to University services and sources of further information and support.

## Support and services

We can advise on how to prepare data management plans in applications for funding, how to store and manage your data effectively, and how to preserve and share your data once a project is completed. We run the University's [Research Data Archive](#), which can be used to preserve and provide access data supporting published research outputs.

## Training

We offer training in research data management through People Development. We can also provide bespoke training sessions and workshops to staff and students in Schools. Contact us to discuss your training requirements.

## Contact and further information

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