

# Are you E·S·R·C funded?

**Or are you thinking of  
applying for ESRC  
funding?**

All ESRC-funded research staff and students must ensure that they are compliant with the ESRC's research data policy (updated March 2015)

Several new university services have been developed to help you to meet these expectations.

Read the ESRC policy:  
<http://www.esrc.ac.uk/about-esrc/information/data-policy.aspx>



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**For further information about the Research Data Management service**

**Research Data Management Intranet site:**

<http://intranet6.open.ac.uk/library/main/supporting-ou-research/research-data-management>

**The Orb (Open Research Blog):** [www.open.ac.uk/blogs/the\\_orb](http://www.open.ac.uk/blogs/the_orb)

**Enquiries to:** [rdm-project@open.ac.uk](mailto:rdm-project@open.ac.uk)

## All Open University researchers and research students funded by ESRC are expected to:

### Plan for data

- A Data Management Plan (DMP) is typically required at the funding application stage.
- Within the DMP barriers to data sharing, along with any measures you plan to take to overcome them, should be identified.
- For data obtained from human participants, seek to secure consent for data sharing or alternatively appropriately anonymize the data or discuss secure access mechanisms to make sharing possible
- Try using DMPOnline (<https://dmponline.dcc.ac.uk>) to write your plan

### Anticipate the costs

- Ensure any costs associated with data management are included in ESRC grant applications.
- Ask your faculty research administrator for advice on how to do this.

### Share data

- You must formally deposit all data created or repurposed during the lifetime of the grant with a responsible data repository within three months of the end of the grant,
- Data may be lodged with an ESRC data service provider, or an appropriate digital repository, such as an institutional repository (news on OU data repository coming soon)
- Where data is not deposited with the UK Data Service, they should be informed of the published location.

### Make your data discoverable

- Include a data access statement in all research publications resulting from your grant. For guidance on how to do this, consult the RDM intranet site
- Create a record in ORO of any significant digital or non-digital data produced, within one year of creation. The record must provide access details – either a direct link to the data, or details of who to contact to gain access. More information is available on the RDM intranet site.



### Any questions?

The Research Data Management Librarian is able to answer queries with regards to this policy, as well as assist you with the drafting of Data Management Plans and the publishing of research data.

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