

Introduction

This document provides guidance on:

- Why applicants for EPSRC funding must be aware of and prepared to comply with EPSRC research data policy;
- Integrating data management into your research planning at an early stage, so that if your project is funded you will be able to comply with the EPSRC expectations on research data;
- Planning for data storage and archiving, and including any relevant costs in an application.

General guidance on data management planning is available on the [Research Data Management website](#).

Data repositories

As a general rule you should always use a data repository to preserve and enable access to your primary data. This is an option open to all University researchers, who are eligible to deposit data in the [University of Reading Research Data Archive](#).

This service will preserve and enable access to data in the long-term (10 years minimum). Up to 20 GB of data per project can be deposited at no charge. Deposits greater than 20 GB may be subject to a charge and must be agreed in advance. If you intend to deposit more than 20 GB of data in the Archive, contact researchdata@reading.ac.uk to discuss.

Note that the Archive should be used to deposit a defined, curated, publicly-accessible dataset that supports published project findings. It is not a private post-project storage area for all digital materials.

There may be external services that are more suitable for your data if they service

