NSF Data Management Plan
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As stated in the [NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG 24-1)](#), all proposals must include a description of how the proposal will conform to NSF policy on the dissemination and sharing of research results (see [PAPPG Ch. XI.D.4](#))

A document of no more than **two (2) pages** must be uploaded under "Data Management Plan" in the supplementary documentation section of Research.gov.

The plan **will be reviewed as an integral part of the proposal**, considered under Intellectual Merit or Broader Impacts or both, as appropriate for the scientific community of relevance.

The Data Management Plan may include:

1. the types of data, samples, physical collections, software, curriculum materials, and other materials to be produced in the course of the project;
2. the standards to be used for data and metadata format and content (where existing standards are absent or deemed inadequate, this should be documented along with any proposed solutions or remedies);
3. policies for access and sharing including provisions for appropriate protection of privacy, confidentiality, security, intellectual property, or other rights or requirements;
4. policies and provisions for re-use, re-distribution, and the production of derivatives; and
5. plans for archiving data, samples, and other research products, and for preservation of access to them.

Requirements and plans specific to the Directorate, Office, Division, Program, or other NSF unit, relevant to a proposal are available at [http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/dmp.jsp.](http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/dmp.jsp) If guidance specific to the program is not available, then the requirements in this section apply.

Simultaneously submitted collaborative proposals and proposals that include subawards are a single unified project and should include only one supplemental combined Data Management Plan, regardless of the number of non-lead collaborative proposals or subawards included. In such collaborative proposals, the data management plan should discuss the relevant data issues in the context of the collaboration.

A valid Data Management Plan may include only the statement that no detailed plan is needed, as long as the statement is accompanied by a clear justification.