

Exposing Data Management Plans Needs Assessment

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Purpose of Study: You are invited to participate in a survey, entitled “Exposing Data Management Plans Needs Assessment”. The purpose of this questionnaire is to conduct a needs analysis related to sharing or publishing data management plan content, or extracts, with others who may help implement the plan or benefit in other ways. Your participation in the survey will contribute to a better understanding of expectations related to sharing and publishing the content of data management plans. You must be at least 18 years old to participate. For further information about this project see the RDA Exposing Data Management Plans WG web presence at <https://rd-alliance.org/groups/exposing-data-management-plans-wg>.

Risks/Benefits/Confidentiality of Data: There are no known risks . There will be no costs for participating, nor will you benefit from participating. If you agree to participate the survey will take approximately 10-20 minutes of your time. You will not be compensated. Your name, email address and organizational affiliation(s) (if given) will be kept during the data collection phase. A limited number of research team members will have access to optionally submitted personally identifying data during data collection. Anonymized survey data will be shared openly via a link on the team's Internet site at <https://rd-alliance.org/groups/exposing-data-management-plans-wg> on or before April 2nd, 2019.

Participation or Withdrawal: Your participation in this survey is voluntary. You may decline to answer any question and you have the right to withdraw from participation at any time. Withdrawal will not affect your relationship with RDA in any way. If you do not want to participate either simply stop participating or close the browser window. If you do not want to receive any more reminders, you may email team member Natalie Meyers (natalie.meyers@nd.edu) to opt out of survey reminders.

Identification of Investigator and Contacts: The survey is being conducted by Angus Whyte of Digital Curation Centre, Fiona Murphy of Murphy Mitchell Consulting Ltd, Kathryn Unsworth of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Marie-Christine Jacquemot-Perbal of Institute of Scientific and Technical Information and Natalie Meyers of the University of Notre Dame. You are free to contact the investigator(s) at the below email address and phone number to

discuss the study and/or if you have any questions about the study, or need to update your email address contact the researcher: Natalie Meyers at natalie.meyers@nd.edu +1 (574) 631-1546.

Feel free to print a copy of this document for your records.

If you agree to participate, you confirm you are at least 18 years of age, have read and understood the Informed Consent above, and are granting your consent to participate in this study when you press the arrow below to continue.

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Sharing and publishing (aka exposing) data management plans can potentially benefit researchers, funders, institutions, and a variety of service providers and community organisations including repositories, researcher's umbrella institutions, journals, publishers, and providers of tools for writing and maintaining plans. This survey seeks to gauge user needs and motivations for exposing DMPs as well as perceived risks and undesirable impacts.

Not all questions may be applicable to your situation and locale. That's okay - just indicate "Not Applicable" aka N/A and feel free to optionally indicate if your locale or situation has special considerations related to any given question.

Are you an [Research Data Alliance](#) (RDA) member?

- Yes
- No

Please indicate the organization or organizational unit with which your primary work responsibilities are associated (select one for your primary role):

- Academic department at college or university
- Library
- IT or computer support
- Administration

- Repository Manager/Provider
- Publishing house
- Funding agency
- Infrastructure provider (like synchrotron instrument)
- Not Applicable

Please indicate your role(s) related to data management plans and research data management (select all that apply)

- Researcher
- Librarian
- Data Manager
- Repository Manager
- Create DMP Tools
- Software Engineer
- Grant Administrator
- Program Officer
- Editor
- Peer Reviewer for publications or conferences
- Other? (Please Specify)
- Not Applicable

Please indicate your level of familiarity with data management plans (DMPs) (select all that apply)

- I created DMP(s) for my own grant proposal(s)
- I created DMP(s) to assist others in their proposals
- I reviewed DMP(s) as part of funding applications
- I reviewed DMP(s) as part of publication submission
- I created DMPs to request a resource allocation
- I reviewed DMPs to make or respond to a resource allocation need
- I created a DMP to establish good practice within my project or organization
- I have not worked with DMPs yet
- Other
- Not Applicable

Generally speaking, how do you think DMPs SHOULD be exposed (i.e., shared beyond the funder or outside of the immediate team)? (select all that apply)

- Shared by request only (e.g., from individual researchers or organizations)
- Shared throughout one's institution (to aid capacity planning, information sharing)
- Shared with one's institution's office of research
- Shared within my research domain
- Shared publicly
- DMPs should not be shared
- Other
- Not Applicable

Thinking about YOUR own DMPs, have you ever shared your DMPs with others? (select all that applied)

- Shared by request only (e.g., from individual researchers or organizations)
- Shared with the funder who originally required it
- Shared throughout my institution
- Shared with my institution's office of research
- Shared within my research domain
- Shared publicly
- I have never shared my DMPs outside of the immediate team
- Other (please specify)
- Not Applicable (e.g. I don't have DMPs of my own)

Thinking about YOUR own DMPs, how do you think they could be exposed in future (i.e., shared outside of the immediate team)? (select all that apply)

- Shared by request only (e.g., from individual researchers or organizations)
- Shared with the funder who originally required it
- Shared throughout my institution
- Shared with my institution's office of research
- Shared within my research domain
- Shared Publicly

- No exposure - I do not wish to share my DMPs
- Other (Please Specify)
- Not Applicable (e.g. I don't have DMPs of my own)

Who do you think should be able to share out or share in DMPs? (select all that apply)

- Researchers who create them
- Data managers who assisted in DMP creation
- Grant administrators
- Funders
- Publishers
- Other (please specify)
- Don't Know

Why do you think DMPs should not be shared?

Why do you think it is important to share DMPs? (select all that apply)

- To create best practices in data management
- To aid in organizational capacity planning
- To provide credit for the efforts of creating DMPs
- To improve project documentation
- To stimulate research transparency and accountability
- To increase research visibility
- There is no benefit in sharing DMPs
- Other (please specify)

In more detail, among all the ways DMPs could be exposed (i.e., shared beyond the funder or outside of the immediate team) what are the best ways DMPs could be shared (select all that apply)

- DMPs should/could be published in a journal as a discrete output of research (for research credit - citable with DOI)
- My DMPs could be shared with others in my research domain (for info exchange / improving best practices)
- My DMPs should/could be shared throughout my institution (to aid capacity planning, information sharing)
- My DMPs could be shared with my institution's office of research (for info exchange / improving best practices)
- My DMPs could/should be shared with my research team(as part of research project documentation and information sharing)
- I'm really only willing to expose some aspects of the DMP to anyone beside the funder who originally required it
- No exposure - I do not wish to share any aspect of the DMP
- Not Applicable

Which of the following purposes for sharing DMPs have value in your opinion? (Select all that apply) :

- Transparency: Ability to see (updated) record of output which describes management intentions and actions
- Evaluation: Review DMP for completeness and policy alignment
- Notification: To notify services of anticipated resource and support needs
- Integration: Integrate DMP in research workflows
- Publication: Publish DMP for research visibility
- Deposition: Submit DMP to a repository or registry
- Resourcing: Costing the planned data management activities
- Estimation: Mine individual or collected plans for requirements planning
- None: Don't wish to expose the DMP
- Not Applicable

What do you see as the potential positive impacts from exposing DMPs? (Select all that apply)

- Improve transparency and accountability
- To have good examples to follow when creating new DMPs
- Increase research visibility
- Discovery of Potential Collaborations with others doing similar work
- Better evaluate cost of data management activities
- Easier to get support with implementing Plan
- Ability to Integrate with other systems

Other (Please specify)

Not Applicable

What do you see as the potential negative impacts of exposing DMPs? (Select all that apply)

Exposing Sensitive Information

Inevitable changes in implementing the plan being perceived negatively

Getting Scooped

Other (Please Specify)

Not Applicable

What conditions and guarantees should be considered when deciding to expose DMPs? (Select all that apply)

Selective Disclosure (Ability to keep some parts of plan confidential)

Embargo Period feature

Access Control feature

Other (Please Specify)

Not Applicable

What would be your preferred mechanism/method(s) for publishing DMPs? (Select all that apply).

Funder repository

General Institutional repository

In a DMP Catalog (e.g. LIBER Data Management Plan Catalogue)

Dedicated DMP repository [domain-specific]

Dedicated DMP repository [institutional]

Domain-specific repository

Share alongside other transparent project files (e.g. on OSF)

As supplement to Journal article

Document exchange by Request, e.g. via email

None

Other [please describe]

Not Applicable

When are the optimal points within the Research Lifecycle for a DMP to be exposed?

	Best Time to Share	Ok Time to Share	Sub-Optimal Time to Share	Not a good Time to share
Project proposal time/Pre-Award	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Project Kickoff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mid-project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At time of related publication(s) Release	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
End of Project	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other [please describe] <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Are you interested in meeting in-person or virtually to help identify needs and features for exposing data management plans?

- Yes, please inform me about future meetings and project progress
- I'm not sure right now, but let me know how to participate remotely
- I've got questions, please have someone contact me to discuss
- No, thank you, sounds worthwhile but I don't have time
- No, thank you

(Optional) Enter your preferred contact info to be used in future communications.

Your contact information will be used for RDA Exposing Data Management Plans communications only.

First Name

Surname

Organizational Affiliation (optional)

Email address

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 If you have any questions or problems with this questionnaire please contact [Natalie K Meyers](#)

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