

## EPSRC Requirements

The EPSRC issued their [Policy Framework on Research Data](#) in April 2011, setting out nine expectations concerning the management and provision of access to EPSRC-funded research data from May 2015.

### Summary of EPSRC 9 Expectations:

1. Be aware of the [RCUK principles](#) and [EPSRC expectations](#)
2. Provide details in your research papers of how the supporting research data can be accessed
3. Be aware of University of the West of England policies and processes concerning research data holdings
4. Consider how your non-digital data can be made publicly available
5. Publish metadata describing your research data within 12 months of the data being generated and if it is digital data include a DOI
6. If access to your data is restricted, include the reasons in your published metadata
7. Your research data must be securely preserved for at least 10 years after any privileged access period expires
8. Your research data must be curated through its lifecycle
9. Consider how curation of your data will be funded

EPSRC have provided [clarification of these expectations](#)

### Key points:

#### **Expectation 1: Be aware of the RCUK principles and EPSRC**

**expectations.** Unlike other funding bodies, EPSRC does not require a data management plan to be submitted with a grant application; however, you will still need to consider how your research data will be managed when writing a grant application. If there are potential costs in storing and/or managing your research data, these will need to be highlighted in the costs of your grant. Advice can be found at

<http://www1.uwe.ac.uk/library/usingthelibrary/researchers/manageresearchdata.aspx>

**Expectation 2: Published research papers should include a short statement describing how and on what terms any supporting research data may be accessed. Example data access statements include:**

- Openly available data: “All data supporting this study are provided as supplementary information accompanying this paper.”
- Ethical/Commercial restrictions: “Due to the (ethically/commercially) sensitive nature of this research, supporting data cannot be made openly available. Further information about the data and conditions for access are available from ...” (supply contact information e.g. the [UWE Data Repository](#) record)

An example of statement use can be found in this article  
<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0115724#abstract0>

**Expectation 5: Ensure that appropriately structured metadata describing your research data is published within 12 months of the data being generated and if it is digital data include a DOI (digital object identifier).**

Metadata for data sets can be deposited on the [UWE data repository](#)

**Expectation 6: Where access to the data is restricted, include the reasons in your published metadata.** Whilst the re-use and sharing of data is encouraged by the EPSRC it is recognised that there may be legal, ethical or commercial constraints on the release of particular research data, the EPSRC will expect you to provide justification for limiting access and explain how, and by whom this restricted access will be managed.

**Expectation 9: Consider how curation of your data will be funded.** Some funders will allow data management costs to be included in the grant application. The key thing to remember is that any RDM costs requested in the grant need to be explicit and justifiable. Advice can be found at [www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/policy-and-legal/overview-funders-data-policies](http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/policy-and-legal/overview-funders-data-policies)

## Where to get help

Library Research support [lib.rke@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:lib.rke@uwe.ac.uk).

## Useful Links

[RCUK Common Principles on Data Policy](#)

[RCUK, Research Outcomes System](#)

[RCUK Policy on Open Access and Guidance](#)

[EPSRC Policy Framework on Research Data](#)

[Digital Curation Centre EPSRC Funder's Data resource](#)

[Digital Curation Centre 'DMP Online' tool](#)

[Digital Curation Centre DMP Checklist](#)

[RCUK Joint Electronic Submission System \(Je-S\)](#)

[UK Government, Department for Business Innovation & Skills. Innovation and Research Strategy for Growth](#)