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DataShare

Deposit Your Data

- Increase impact of your research.

- Make your data assets discoverable and citable.

- Minimise the risk of data loss for your own future use.

- Meet funding body requirements & comply with University policy.

- Ensure your research data is preserved for posterity.

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What is Edinburgh DataShare?

Edinburgh DataShare is a free at-point-of use data repository service which allows University researchers to upload, share, and license their data resources for online discovery and re-use by others.

The service was established as part of a Jisc-funded project, DISC-UK DataShare (2007-9) by the Data Library. It is now a key service for implementing the University's Research Data Management Policy.

Benefits of Deposit

For Funders and publishers

Research councils are under pressure to get the most value out of publicly-funded research. Increasingly they are requiring data management plans at the proposal stage, indicating how your data will be managed during the life of the project and how data will be shared after publication of your results.

Edinburgh DataShare acts as a trusted repository for your research data, where none is designated by your funder. Your data will be discoverable and accessible for others to use beyond the life of your research project.

In addition, some publishers require that the data on which a publication is based is made available by the author. By depositing once you can meet all future requests by researchers wanting a copy of your data. You can even set a future embargo date at which the data files will be released.

For yourself

A big advantage of depositing your data is that they will be preserved - even for your own future use.

The data submission process creates a permanent record, a persistent identifier, and a suggested citation, so that your work can be formally attributed when re-analysed by others.

Your data will be discoverable through Google and other search engines to maximise visibility and impact. The service can provide you with usage statistics so you know when your data has been downloaded.

You do not need to maintain your own website to deliver your data; once deposited, management of your data is assured by Research Data Support staff.

User Support

The Research Data team are available to consult with prospective depositors about any issues, concerns or feature requests for their data collections or items. Contact data-support@ed.ac.uk.

Online guidance is available on the repository home page, including:

• Checklist for deposit
• How to deposit / depositor's user guide
• Policies and service level definition

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