DATAVERSE

This brief guide presents key information for researchers to understand Dataverse, its features, and how to access and use it.

# What is Dataverse?

* A free, open source web application developed at Harvard University.
* Stores, shares, cites, explores, and analyzes research data.
* Facilitates making your data available to others, as appropriate.
* A robust repository environment for depositing your research data.

# Why should I use Dataverse?

* Helps you meet both funding and journal requirements.
* Stores many types of data, including: Tabular data (CSV, SPSS, R, etc). Documentation (pdf, doc, text, code). Geospatial data. Multimedia file (audio-visual).

# What are the benefits?

* Creates a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) so your data is a citable research output for publications and CV.
* Increases the impact and visibility of your research.
* Stability and longevity of your data as created at time of deposit.
* Statistics and metrics to track and understand how your data is used worldwide.

# How open is my data? It's up to you!

* Choose your access settings: modify access to your data files - ranging from fully open to completely restricted.
* Customize the terms of use, specifying how your data can be used.
* Modify access to your data files at any time.
* Your metadata is publicly available. Therefore, your data is always discoverable!

# How do I start?

* Find out if your institution has a local Dataverse - you can check the Portage site to see if your institution is using Dataverse.
* If needed, check with your local Data contact for help.
* Create your Dataverse account.

# What's the next step?

* Ensure that your data follows best practices for formatting and metadata.
* Upload your data and add your metadata.
* Set any access restrictions or terms of use for your data.
* Option to create a ‘guestbook’ to track the use of your data.
* Publish your data!



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