

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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