

What will it cost to manage and share my data?

✓ What to cost in?



Infrastructure costs

- Digitisation
- Storage
- Licensing and Security *...and*
- Sharing and Re-use
- Archiving

Skills costs

- Data wrangling
- Description and Documentation
- Metadata generation
- Formatting and Cleaning
- Consent and Anonymisation



A Data Management Plan (DMP) can help to identify activities and potential costs at the outset of your project. Identifying RDM costs before you begin the project ensures that you will be able to request adequate funds to support good data management and enable data sharing.

Things to consider...

- **Eligible costs:** When applying for funding, remember that there are typically two types of eligible costs; 'Direct costs', usually referring to staff time, travel, equipment, etc., and 'Indirect costs', generally covering things like administrative and financial management.
- **Avoid 'double dipping':** Most funders will cover justifiable costs related to RDM. However, if something is covered by indirect costs (e.g. institutional storage) you can't also claim it as a direct cost. Check with your institution on how best to include these in grant proposals.



Useful costing guides:

- [OpenAIRE: How to identify and assess Research Data Management \(RDM\) costs](#)
- [LCRDM: Guide Research Data Management and Costs](#)
- [Horizon 2020 Costing Guide](#)
- [UK Data Service: Data management costing tool and checklist](#)



✓ Who can help you to estimate costs?



✓ How much could management & deposit cost?

Some factors that affect RDM costs...



Remember:

Different repositories apply different charging models. Some apply a fixed-fee per data package plus an amount over a certain volume, while others only apply variable fees depending on the data volume. Some may not charge at all.



For example fees see:

- [University of Cambridge repository fees](#)
- [Dryad data publishing charges](#)



Based on these examples, we have performed some comparative calculations. The cheapest repository changes at different points so shop around!

