

Questions for Researchers: Current project data
(To be completed prior to meeting with Dal Libraries.)



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1. What kind of research do you do? (General research questions, approaches, methodologies etc.)
This question will help inform which librarians may need to be consulted to gain a background understanding of the subject and may even be beneficial to have the consulted librarian(s) present during the data interview.

2. Are you the principal investigator?
If you are not the PI, the PI may need to be involved in getting permission for sharing the data, and/or ensure they are aware of the plan.

3. What kind of data do you plan to collect/create? (e.g. qualitative, quantitative, models, code, etc.)

4. What formats are involved? (e.g. transcripts, numeric data)
If the formats are proprietary, is that format necessary or can it be turned into non-proprietary formats to ensure sharing and longevity.

5. How much data will you collect and how fast will it grow? (in MB/GB/TB)
Service fees may apply for storing data sets greater than 0.5TB.

6. Do you have any grants that require archiving or/and sharing your data?

7. If data archiving and/or sharing is grant-mandated, what type of grant do you have?

Are you part of a research network?

Are there existing constraints or requirements placed on your data archiving and/or sharing?
(Grants, journal data policies, research networks, etc.)?

8. May the data be shared? If so, with whom (fellow researchers, policy makers, public, etc.)? Are there specific restrictions on the data (legal, ethical, intellectual property)?

9. Will you collect the primary data yourself, or will it be obtained from another source? (e.g. a government department)

When there are multiple owners for a data set, the data is more difficult to share and another institution may already be handling the preservation and sharing of the data.

10. How have you organized, stored, and shared your data in the past?