Data Management Plan Template

As an alternative to [DMPTool](https://dmptool.org/), you may use this template to specify the project data management and the long-term data management plan in sufficient detail to allow reviewers of your proposal to assess the feasibility and potential success. Please note that you may still need to address more data management requirements specific to your funding agency.

# Project, experiment, and data description

* What’s the purpose of the research?
* What is the data? How and in what format will the data be collected? Is it numerical data, image data, text sequences, or modeling data?
* How much data will be generated for this research?
* How long will the data be collected and how often will it change?
* Are you using data that someone else produced? If so, where is it from?
* Who is responsible for managing the data? Who will ensure that the data management plan is carried out?

# Documentation, organization, and storage

* What documentation will you be creating in order to make the data understandable by other researchers?
* Are you using metadata that is standard to your field? How will the metadata be managed and stored?
* What file formats will be used? Do these formats conform to an open standard and/or are they proprietary?
* Are you using a file format that is standard to your field? If not, how will you document the alternative you are using?
* What directory and file naming convention will be used?
* What are your local storage and backup procedures? Will this data require secure storage?
* What tools or software are required to read or view the data?

# Access, sharing, and re-use

* Who has the right to manage this data? Is it the responsibility of the PI, student, lab, UTC, or funding agency?
* What data will be shared, when, and how?
* Does sharing the data raise privacy, ethical, or confidentiality concerns? Do you have a plan to protect or anonymize data, if needed?
* Who holds intellectual property rights for the data and other information created by the project? Will any copyrighted or licensed material be used? Do you have permission to use/disseminate this material? Where will releases and permissions be archived?
* Are there any patent- or technology-licensing-related restrictions on data sharing associated with this grant?
* Will this research be published in a journal that requires the underlying data to accompany articles?
* Will there be any embargoes on the data?
* Will you permit re-use, redistribution, or the creation of new tools, services, data sets, or products (derivatives)? Will commercial use be allowed?

# Archiving

* How will you be archiving the data? Will you be storing it in an archive or repository for long-term access? If not, how will you preserve access to the data?
* Is a discipline-specific repository available? If not, you could consider depositing your data into [UTC Scholar](https://scholar.utc.edu/). You may consider using the following boilerplate text for materials submitted to UTC Scholar:  
    
  *The data will be deposited into UTC Scholar, the institutional repository on the grantees' campus. Deposit in UTC Scholar will ensure that the research community has long-term access to the data and that best practices in digital preservation will safeguard the files. In accordance with UTC Scholar practices, the (de-identified, if applicable) data will be accompanied by the appropriate documentation, metadata, and code to facilitate reuse and provide the potential for interoperability with similar data sets.*
* How will you prepare data for preservation or data sharing? Will the data need to be anonymized or converted to more stable file formats?
* Are software or tools needed to use the data? Will these be archived?
* How long should the data be retained? 3-5 years, 10 years, or forever?