[National Institutes of Health (NIH) Updates its Data Sharing Policy](#)

The purpose of this notice is to remind the community of the effective date of the NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing (DMS Policy) and summarize available key resources.

As noted in the [Final NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing (NOT-OD-21-013)](#), the effective date of the DMS Policy is January 25, 2023 for competing grant applications submitted to NIH for the January 25, 2023 and subsequent receipt dates; proposals for contracts submitted to NIH on or after January 25, 2023; NIH Intramural Research Projects conducted on or after January 25, 2023; and other funding agreements (e.g., Other Transactions) executed on or after January 25, 2023, unless otherwise stipulated by NIH.

The DMS Policy applies to all NIH research, funded or conducted in whole or in part by NIH, that results in the generation of scientific data. Note that the DMS Policy does not apply to research and other activities that do not generate scientific data, for example: research training, fellowships, infrastructure development, and non-research activities. See [Research Covered Under the Data Management & Sharing Policy](#) for more details.

The DMS Policy has two basic requirements:

1. Submission of a Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plan outlining how scientific data and any accompanying metadata will be managed and shared, considering any potential restrictions or limitations.
2. Compliance with the Plan approved by the funding NIH Institute, Center, or Office.

DMS Plans should describe how data will be managed and appropriately shared. See [Writing a Data Management & Sharing Plan](#) for details, sample Plans, and an optional format page which includes [six elements recommended](#) to be included in a Data Management and Sharing Plan. Guidance on [planning and budgeting](#) and [selecting a data repository](#) are available on the [NIH Scientific Data Sharing website](#). [Application Guide](#) instructions have been updated to provide instructions for DMS policy implementation.

Ultimately, the new DMS Policy promotes transparency and accountability in research by setting a minimum set of expectations for data management and sharing. This means that other NIH policies or NIH Institutes, Centers, Offices, or programs may build upon these expectations, for instance, by specifying scientific data to share, relevant standards, repository timelines, and/or shorter data sharing timelines for meeting programmatic needs, the DMS Policy sets a consistent baseline across NIH.