



Data Management Plan Requirements

- All proposals are required to include, as a supplementary doc, a data management plan of up to two pages.
- Plan should describe how the proposal will conform to NSF policy on dissemination and sharing of research results.
- A valid Data Management Plan may include only the statement that no detailed plan is needed, as long a clear justification is provided.
- Plan will be reviewed as part of the intellectual merit and/or broader impacts of the proposal.



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The screenshot shows the NSF website page for Data Management Plan Requirements. The page header includes the NSF logo and the text "National Science Foundation WHERE DISCOVERIES BEGIN". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The navigation menu includes links for HOME, FUNDING, AWARDS, DISCOVERIES, NEWS, PUBLICATIONS, STATISTICS, ABOUT, and FastLane. The left sidebar contains the "Office of Budget, Finance and Award Management (BFA)" logo and a list of links: DIAS Home, CAAR Branch, Policy Office, Systems Office, View DIAS Staff, Search DIAS Staff, BFA Organization, Office of Budget, Finance, & Award Management, Budget Division, Division of Acquisition and Cooperative Support, Division of Financial Management, Division of Grants & Agreements, and Division of Institution & Award Support. The main content area is titled "Dissemination and Sharing of Research Results" and contains the following text:

Dissemination and Sharing of Research Results

NSF Data Sharing Policy

Investigators are expected to share with other researchers, at no more than incremental cost and within a reasonable time, the primary data, samples, physical collections and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of work under NSF grants. Grantees are expected to encourage and facilitate such sharing. See [Award & Administration Guide \(AAG\) Chapter VI.D.4](#).

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Proposals submitted or due on or after January 18, 2011, must include a supplementary document of no more than two pages labeled "Data Management Plan". This supplementary document should describe how the proposal will conform to NSF policy on the dissemination and sharing of research results. See [Grant Proposal Guide \(GPG\) Chapter II.C.2.i](#) for full policy implementation.

Requirements by Directorate, Office, Division, Program, or other NSF Unit

Links to data management requirements and plans relevant to specific Directorates, Offices, Divisions, Programs, or other NSF units, are provided below. If guidance specific to the program is not provided, then the requirements established in [Grant Proposal Guide, Chapter II.C.2.i](#) apply.

Please note that if a specific program solicitation provides guidance on preparation of data management plans, such guidance must be followed.

- Engineering Directorate (ENG)
 - [Directorate-wide Guidance](#)
- Geological Sciences Directorate (GEO)
 - [Division of Earth Sciences](#)
 - [Integrated Ocean Drilling Program](#)
 - [Division of Ocean Sciences](#)
- Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate (MPS)
 - [Division of Astronomical Sciences](#)
 - [Division of Chemistry](#)
 - [Division of Materials Research](#)
 - [Division of Mathematical Sciences](#)
 - [Division of Physics](#)
- Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences Directorate (SBE)
 - [Directorate-wide Guidance](#)

[Data Management & Sharing Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) - updated November 30, 2010

<http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/dmp.jsp>