

This survey forms part of the [Research Data @ Essex project](#), carried out by the UK Data Archive in collaboration with the University of Essex Research & Enterprise Office and Information Systems Services. Results from this survey will be posted on the [project blog](#).

All university academic and research staff are invited to complete the survey. It should take about 10 minutes to complete. Those completing the survey can be entered into a prize draw for a £25 Amazon voucher if they provide an email address.

Those researchers testing the data repository and uploading test data (the last section of the survey) will be entered into the prize draw for a £50 Amazon voucher.

The aim of this survey is to:

- raise awareness amongst research staff about data management planning
- assess current practices and needs with regards data management and sharing planning
- assess whether researchers see the need for a data repository at the university
- elicit feedback and testing to ensure that the developed pilot data repository is fit for purpose for the university's research community

Participation is voluntary. By completing the survey you agree with your anonymous responses being used by the Research Data @ Essex project for research and development purposes. Information will not be used in a manner that would allow identification of you or your responses.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY BEFORE 28 FEBRUARY 2013.

*Note that 'research data' are here defined as any research materials resulting from primary data collection or generation, or derived from existing sources, be it qualitative or quantitative (e.g. numerical data, textual data, digitised materials, images, modelling scripts etc.)

YOU***1. Which faculty does your research fall under? (tick all that apply)**

- Humanities and Comparative Studies
- Social Sciences
- Law and Management
- Science and Engineering

Other (please specify)

***2. Which department/school(s) do you work for? (tick all that apply)**

- Biological Sciences, School of
- Computational Finance and Economic Agents, The Centre for
- Computer Science and Electronic Engineering, School of
- East 15 Acting School
- Economics, Department of
- Edge Hotel School
- Essex Business School
- Government, Department of
- Health and Human Sciences, School of
- History, Department of
- Human Rights Centre
- International Academy
- Institute for Social and Economic Research
- Language and Linguistics, Department of
- Law, School of
- Literature, Film, and Theatre Studies, Department of
- Mathematical Sciences, Department of
- Philosophy and Art History, School of
- Psychoanalytic Studies, Centre for
- Psychology, Department of
- Sociology, Department of
- UK Data Archive
- University of Essex Online

YOUR RESEARCH DATA

*3. What type of data do you generate or use in your research ? (tick all that apply)

- Textual
- Numerical
- Geospatial
- Images
- Audio
- Multimedia
- Bibliographic
- Other(s) (please specify)

*4. In which format are your data stored or structured ? (tick all that apply) If you work with data that are not in electronic format, please do include these.

- In word processor files
- In tables or spreadsheets
- In databases
- In relational databases
- In document databases (or other 'unstructured' forms of database)
- Other(s) (please specify)

*5. What is the typical, average file size of your research data?

- < 2GB
- > 2GB

***6. Where do you currently store your research data short-term, i.e. whilst actively creating and analysing them for research? (tick all that apply)**

- On a server managed by ISS
- On a server managed by myself and/or research group
- On PC or laptop hard disk
- External hard disk
- On a memory stick
- Online or cloud storage such as Dropbox, Google Drive or iCloud

Other (please specify)

***7. Where do you store research data long-term, i.e. after a research project has finished**

- On a server managed by ISS
- On a server managed by my own research group
- On PC or laptop hard drive
- External hard drive
- On memory stick
- Online or cloud storage (e.g. Dropbox, Google Drive or iCloud)
- In a repository for research data

Other (please specify)

***8. Please describe any challenges you have experienced with data storage. For example, in enabling collaborative research.**

YOUR RESEARCH

***9. Do you currently carry out research which has received external funding, or have you in the last 5 years?**

- Yes
- No

10. If yes to Q9, who funds it?

11. If "Yes" to Q9, when you applied for the funding, did the funder ask for information about how you were going to manage, preserve or share any research data generated during the project, e.g. via a data management plan ?

- Yes
- No
- Can't recall
- Don't know, as I was not the person writing the bid

12. If "Yes" to Q11, did you seek any guidance or advice for writing the data management plan?

***13. Do you know whether the major research funder(s) in your field expect you to provide information in your funding proposals about how you will manage, preserve, and/or share the research data that you create during the course of your research?**

- They do expect this information
- They don't expect this information
- I do not know
- There are multiple funders in my field and their requirements vary

***14. Do you know where you would go for help if you needed help writing a data management plan including costing data management? (Name any people/places/websites to which you would go.)**

***15. Have you received any information or training about research data management or data sharing, e.g. via a workshop, as part of, online support material, leaflets or any other means?**

- Yes
 No

16. If "Yes" to 15, what/by whom?

- UK Data Archive workshop
 UK Data Archive Create & Manage webpages
 As part of degree studies
 Other (please specify)

***17. Would you be interested in support or training workshops on any of the following topics? (tick all that apply)**

- Planning for data management and sharing
 Costing data management, preservation and sharing
 Ethical and legal aspects of data sharing and re-use
 Freedom of Information and research data
 Data copyright and intellectual property
 Documentation and metadata to understand and use data
 Data formats, versioning and quality control for long-term preservation
 Storage and back-up of data and files
 Security and controlled access to data
 Other (please specify)

DATA SHARING

***18. Does your main research funder require that research data are preserved, shared, deposited in a data repository, or made available upon request to other researchers after your project ends?**

Yes

No

***19. Are there any legal requirements that require you to preserve and share data ? e.g. Freedom of Information Act, Environmental Information Act**

Yes

No

***20. In the last 5 years, has a publisher required research data underpinning one of your publications to be made available to reviewers and/or readers or to be deposited in a repository?**

Yes

No

***21. Do you think that your research data have potential to be used as a future research or learning resource, by yourself or by other researchers?**

Yes

No

***22. Have you (or has your research team) ever deposited your research data in a dedicated repository or data archive?**

Yes

No

23. If "Yes" to Q22, in which repository or data archive? (please specify)

24. If "Yes" to Q22, why? (tick all that apply)

- Funder request or expectation
- Publisher request or expectation
- That is community-wide practice in my research field
- Important resource to share with others
- For my reference
- Other (please specify)

25. If "No" to Q22, why not? (tick all that apply)

- Not aware of any appropriate place to put it
- Do not want to share data with other researchers
- My current research project is the first in which I'm generating/structuring data
- Not produced research data worth preserving before
- My data are not suitable for sharing
- Just not had the time to get around to it
- Other (please specify)

***26. Would you in the future consider sharing the data that you are responsible for in your current research?**

	True for all or most of my data	True for some of my data	True for none of my data
Yes, without restrictions (provided I was cited)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Only in response to a written request explaining how the data would be used	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Only with colleagues or collaborators	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No, there are ethical or privacy concerns which would make sharing difficult	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No, there are legal or commercial restrictions that would make sharing difficult	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No, there are other reasons why I would not be prepared to share my data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

DATA REPOSITORY

We would like to invite you to test the Essex Research Data Repository pilot, which is now live here:
<http://researchdata.essex.ac.uk/> [will open in a new window].

You will be able to login with your usual University of Essex username and password, from which you can browse the sample data published and upload your own data. We are keen for users to test the deposit system, and anyone who uploads any test data and provides feedback below (see Q31) will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 Amazon Gift Voucher.

***27. Do you think that in future you would want to deposit research data of any sort in a data repository at the University of Essex?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

***28. How likely are you to want/need to deposit research data during 2013.**

Very unlikely	Unlikely	Neutral	Likely	Very likely
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

29. If you have responded positively to either of the above, please explain why it is you will be doing so?

***30. Would you like to be entered into the prize draw to win a £25 Amazon voucher? The email address you provide will only be used for the prize draw, will be stored separately from your responses and will be deleted from our server afterwards. If you answer yes and also provide repository testing feedback (in the box below, Q31) you will additionally be entered into a prize draw for a £50 Amazon voucher.**

- No
- Yes (please enter your email address below.)

31. If you have any comments, suggestions, or questions relating to data repository, please enter them here.