Write a data management plan

Researcher Training Program

What is a data management plan?

"…[a] formal document that details the strategies and tools you will implement to effectively manage your data during the active phases of your research, and the mechanisms you will use for preserving and appropriately sharing your data at the end of the project."

Definition from the [Portage Primer: Data Management Plans](#)

Why should I write a data management plan?

Write more competitive grant applications

Get credit for your data and increase its impact and visibility

Improve your data's accuracy, completeness, and usability

Meet funder recommendations and requirements including:
- [Tri-Agency Statement of Principles on Data Management](#)
- [Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications](#)
- [Tri-Agency Research Data Management Policy](#)

How do I write a data management plan?

Option 1

Read the *Creating an Effective Data Management Plan* document to learn the key questions you'll need to answer when writing your DMP.

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Option 2

Use the **DMP Assistant** tool to develop your own data management plan. It is freely available to all researchers in Canada and takes you step-by-step through a series of questions based on a general template for research data stewardship.

For more help or further information

Contact the [Research Data Management (RDM) Team](#) for more information and assistance.