

Data Management and Sharing Policy Guidance for NIH Reviewers

Sharing scientific data accelerates biomedical research discovery, in part, by enabling validation of research results, providing accessibility to high-value datasets, and promoting data reuse for future research studies. The [NIH Data Management and Sharing \(DMS\) policy](#) requires that most applications (i.e., research generating scientific data¹) submitted after January 25, 2023 have a Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plan and establishes the requirements for such plans.

- Compliance of the DMS Plan is evaluated by NIH funding Institutes/Centers *after* initial peer review.
- Reviewers are asked to evaluate only the DMS costs (not the plan itself) as part of their overall evaluation of the budget.
- Reviewers will not have access to the DMS Plan² but will see any budget information associated with the DMS implementation in the budget justification section (see [Budget Guidance](#) for allowable costs).
- Resource Sharing Plans (RSP) will continue to be an additional review consideration, but only applicable in more limited contexts³. As such, the critique templates will not change.

REMINDER: These are all non-score driving considerations and should not influence the overall impact score.

Questions about review should be directed to your SRO or sent to: sharing@nih.gov

¹List of application types where the DMS applies is [here](#).

²Exceptions for FOAs where data sharing is core to the science, e.g., FOAs for data dissemination centers

³The RSP will only include the [Model Organism Sharing Plan](#) and [Sharing of Research Tools](#).