

# Guidance for Reviewers: Resource Sharing Plans

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NIH considers the sharing of unique research resources developed through NIH-sponsored research an important means to enhance the value and further the advancement of research. When resources have been developed with NIH funds and the associated research findings published or provided to NIH, it is important that the results be made readily available for research purposes to qualified individuals within the scientific community.

NIH expects that all NIH applications and proposals that will produce unique research resources include sharing plans for distributing these resources in the application or proposal, or provide a justification for why such sharing is restricted or not possible.

## Reviewer Information

- When applicable, reviewers will comment on whether the Resource Sharing Plan for [Model Organisms](#) or [Research Tools](#), or the rationale for not sharing the information, is reasonable.
- Unless specified otherwise in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), consideration of these plans should **not** affect the overall impact score.
- For more information, visit the [NIH Scientific Data Sharing](#) website.