

The [NIH Data Management and Sharing Plan \(DMSP\) policy](#) is now in effect. UMN Libraries and OVPR are collaborating to build additional guidance and support as new information emerges from NIH. In the short term, the most important items to know are as follows:

1. **[Most new and renewal proposals submitted to NIH now \(as of January 25, 2023\) require inclusion of a DMSP as part of the application.](#)** PIs must use the latest version of the NIH forms set ("Forms H"), and the template for this plan is embedded in that form set. NIH will review DMSPs and alert PIs to any corrections or augmentations that are needed during the Just-in-Time process.

2. **NIH is continuing to work on budget guidance, but investigators are encouraged to include costs associated with complying with NIH's new requirements in their proposal budgets.** Examples of such costs include repository preservation fees, data curation fees, and research data management personnel. If it is difficult to project costs accurately at this time, SPA supports putting in a modest percentage of the overall direct cost budget (e.g., 2% - 5%) with specific items of cost to be refined at a later time. This will serve as a placeholder pending additional budget guidance from NIH or as best practices are identified. Please note that no central funding source at the University is available to cover these costs.

3. **UMN Libraries are currently developing a new resource that will provide budgeting guidance** as it relates to the selection of particular repositories. This information can be used by investigators to calculate data sharing budgets. Once available, the resource will be on the linked sites shown below.

4. One section of the DMSP is about oversight. Principal investigators are free to include plans they have developed for ensuring compliance at our institution, but **OVPR has developed template language that may also be used or adapted to satisfy this requirement:**

"Data will be submitted by a project data manager from the PI's project team. [Alternate: Data will be submitted by [name] who has been designated by the PI to serve in the role of project data manager.] The data manager will oversee data collection, analysis, storage, and sharing. Compliance with the plan will be monitored by the PI routinely. The PI will conduct routine meetings with key study personnel to ensure the timeliness of data entry and will review data to ensure quality of data entry. The PI will ensure data are submitted and shared according to this DMSP."

5. Resources already available about DMSPs are available here:

[Libraries' Research Data Services](#)

[DMPTool](#)

[National Institutes of Health](#)

[SPA Hot Topics](#)