



NSF Data Policy

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Existing Policy



Long-standing requirement:

“Investigators are expected to share with other researchers, at no more than incremental cost and within a reasonable time, the primary data, samples, physical collections and other supporting materials created or gathered in the course of work under NSF grants. Grantees are expected to encourage and facilitate such sharing.”

(p VI-8, Award & Administration Guide, NSF 10-1)





Stronger Implementation

After mid-Jan 2011, *all* proposals must have a data management plan (supplemental doc, 2 pages max)



- ◆ If there is no plan, the proposal cannot be submitted
- ◆ Should say how the PI will conform to data policy associated with the competition to which the proposal is submitted. Or, if none exists, to NSF's generic policy
- ◆ Plan will be part of the merit review considered as Intellectual Merit or Broader Impacts or both, as appropriate
- ◆ Plan may simply say “No plan is needed”, but must justify. Statement will be subject to peer & PO review/consideration
- ◆ Considering Divisional Guidelines/Policies

