How to meet EPSRC Expectations for digital research data

Is the project funded by the EPSRC?

University policy covering “significant” research data will still apply

Has digital research data been generated within the project?

EPSRC policy also applies to data that is not digital or not easily digitised.

Will you publish results based on this data?

The supporting data needs to be available for others to access.

Where the data is not used in a publication or access is restricted, a record describing the data and how it can be accessed is still required.

Is there a legitimate need to restrict access to the data?

On the data record add reasons for restriction and/or any conditions for access.

Are there additional places you want to publish data?

The University will create a DOI for your data. Use this DOI to cite the data in your publications. Request DOI

Put a link, or the data, into an external repository if appropriate.

Try re3data.org for some options

Update the record in EPrints

University definition of research data

“1.3 “Research Data” means information in digital, computer-readable format or paper-based that:
1.3.1 is contained or presented in various ways including notes, facts, figures, tables, images (still and moving), audio or visual recordings; and
1.3.2 which is collected, generated or obtained during the course of or as a result of undertaking research ...; and
1.3.3 which is subsequently used by the Researcher as a basis for making calculations or drawing conclusions to develop, support or revise theories, practices and findings”

EPSRC definition of research data

“Research data is defined as recorded factual material commonly retained by and accepted in the scientific community as necessary to validate research findings; although the majority of such data is created in digital format, all research data is included irrespective of the format in which it is created.”

The University provides safe long-term storage and access that meets EPSRC requirements. External repositories must meet this requirement, otherwise deposit should be in addition to University deposit.

The EPSRC expectation is for open access to data. There needs to be good reason (IPR, commercial or privacy) not to follow this.