

DATA DEPOSITION POLICY

We expect researchers to deposit all data generated using Kidney Research UK funding in **open-access, domain-specific data repositories** where these exist as soon as possible.

We understand that, in certain cases, data sharing has to be restricted or delayed – for example when it is necessary to safeguard the confidentiality and privacy of research participants, or to facilitate the development of intellectual property. If you would like to discuss your specific circumstances ahead of reporting or publication, please do not hesitate to reach out at nurture@kidneyresearchuk.org.

HOW TO CHOOSE WHERE TO DEPOSIT YOUR DATA

Wherever possible, we expect researchers to deposit their data using one of the Elixir core deposition databases ([ELIXIR Core Data Resources | ELIXIR](#)) or Elixir deposition databases ([ELIXIR Deposition Databases for Biomolecular Data | ELIXIR](#)). We expect all data outputs (e.g. software, code and algorithms) to be made available open-source and deposited in GitHub via an open permissive licence (such as Apache Licence 2.0, MIT, MPL or BSD).

Please be aware that our data deposition standards are more stringent than those of most open-access journals. Institutional repositories and non-subject specific repositories (e.g. Figshare, Zenodo) are not suitable for data deposition where an appropriate subject-specific option exists.

We acknowledge depositing data in domain-specific repositories can be a labour intensive effort to conform to data and metadata standards. We view this as an important step in upskilling the kidney research workforce and we recommend you allocate plenty of time to this task.

WHEN ELIXIR DEPOSITION IS NOT POSSIBLE

If no databases on the ELIXIR Deposition Databases list appear suitable for depositing your data, please reach out at nurture@kidneyresearchuk.org and the Data Science team will be happy to help. Regardless of the repository chosen, deposited outputs must be made discoverable, accompanied by appropriate metadata that meet relevant community standards, and released with clear, machine-readable licensing to support lawful access, reuse, and interoperability. Where open access is not appropriate, outputs must be shared through a proportionate controlled-access framework with clear governance, transparent access criteria, and procedures that protect

confidentiality, legal and ethical obligations, and the rights of research participants while enabling appropriate reuse.

REPORTING AND REFERENCING

As part of post-award reporting, we will expect you to share the persistent identifiers or accession numbers for all your research outputs, including any datasets you have generated.

We require that anyone utilising research data, software, or materials properly acknowledges the original source and complies with the terms and conditions under which access was granted.

WHY DATA DEPOSITION MATTERS

Data deposition in open-access, subject-specific repositories enables the data our researchers produce to be Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable.

Ultimately, this means the data can be reused by researchers all over the world, driving forward the impact of our work. Moreover, FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reuse) data standards mean other researchers can verify both the results of the research we support, and the methods used to deliver them (e.g. software and materials).