

**INFORMATION SHEET FOR RESEARCH  
INFORMED CONSENT**  
Realities of Academic Data Sharing—Fall 2022 Survey  
Duke IRB Protocol No. 2022-0548

**Key Information:**

You are invited to be in a research study of the activities, services, infrastructure, and subsequent costs, required to make research data publicly available. You were selected as a possible participant because you work in a unit at Duke University that may potentially support researchers in work that results in public access to research data. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study.

This study, the [Realities of Academic Data Sharing \(RADS\) Initiative](#), is being conducted by: The Association of Research Libraries (ARL), in collaboration with investigators from Cornell University, Duke University, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, Washington University in St. Louis, and Virginia Tech. The PI contact at Duke University is Joel Herndon, Director of the Center for Data and Visualization Sciences, Duke University Libraries.

**Procedures:**

If you agree to be in this study, we would ask you to answer questions about the activities and infrastructure you use and support to make research data publicly accessible, and the corresponding costs of those activities. You will be asked to review information about the Realities of Academic Data Sharing study and to complete a survey. The time commitment is as follows:

- Review the Introductory/Recruitment Email: 10 minutes
- Review the Survey Is Open Email (including a PDF of the survey questions and a copy of the Informed Consent Form); the time to review depends on if questions are reviewed in advance and the Informed Consent Form is read: 5–20 minutes
- Review the Survey Is Open Email Reminder: 5 minutes
- Gather costing information before or during the survey: 10–30 minutes
- Complete the survey: 30–45 minutes

**Confidentiality:**

Survey data that directly identifies you will be kept private and will only be shared with the research team. Research data may be kept for at least 6 years, but will be stripped of direct identifiers, such as names and email addresses, before being shared broadly with other researchers and the public. However, budget and cost information about your department may still be identifiable based on publicly available information about the university and its expenditures. Data may be reused by others without your additional informed consent.

**Security of Information:**

The survey is hosted on the Alchemer platform, which encrypts data and can only be accessed through secure HTTPS. Alchemer utilizes TLS (Transport Layer Security) to secure the communication protocol and stay current at the most recent patch level.

Please note that the survey is being conducted on the Alchemer platform, a company not affiliated with Duke and with [its own privacy and security policies](#) that you can find on its website. We anticipate that your participation in this survey presents no greater risk than everyday use of the Internet.

**Voluntary Nature of the Study:**

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with Duke University, ARL, or any of the associated institutions in this study. If you decide to participate, you are free to not answer any question or withdraw at any time without affecting those relationships.

To withdraw from the study, close the online survey; no data is stored until the survey is submitted.

**Risks and Discomforts:**

There are no known risks associated with participating in this study.

**Benefits:**

Participants may experience benefits in the form of increased insight and awareness into their own campus infrastructure, services and activities, and their associated costs, that support public access to research data.

**Compensation for Participation:**

Compensation is not provided for this study for any participant across the six academic institutions.

**Follow Up Studies:**

We may contact you again to request your participation in a follow up interview. As always, your participation will be voluntary and we will ask for your explicit consent to participate in any of the follow up studies. The last question on the following survey allows you to express interest or not in the follow up interview.

**Contacts and Questions:**

The researcher conducting this study at Duke University is Joel Herndon, Director of the Center for Data and Visualization Sciences. If you have questions now or at a later date, you are encouraged to contact him at: [joel.herndon@duke.edu](mailto:joel.herndon@duke.edu).

The principal investigator of this study is Cynthia Hudson Vitale at ARL. You can contact her via email at: [cvitale@arl.org](mailto:cvitale@arl.org).

This research has been reviewed and approved by the Duke University Campus IRB. To share feedback privately with the Duke's Campus IRB about your research experience, email [campusIRB@duke.edu](mailto:campusIRB@duke.edu). You are encouraged to contact the Campus IRB if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team
- You have questions about your rights as a research participant
- You want to get information or provide input about this research

*You may request a copy of this information to keep for your records.*

Before proceeding, please confirm your consent to participating in the survey:

- I have read the above statements and give my informed consent to participate in this survey.
- I have read the above statement and do NOT give my consent to participate in this survey (survey will immediately close).