

**INFORMATION SHEET FOR RESEARCH
INFORMED CONSENT**
Realities of Academic Data Sharing—Fall 2022 Survey

You are invited to be in a research study of the institutional costs of making research data publicly available. You were selected as a possible participant because you work in a unit at the University of Minnesota that may potentially support researchers in work that results in public access to research data. We ask that you read this page 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 the University of Minnesota is Alicia Hofelich Mohr, PhD, Liberal Arts Technologies and Innovation Services.

Procedures:

If you agree to be in this study, we will ask you to answer questions about the costs, activities, services, and infrastructure you support to make research data publicly accessible. The survey should take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

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 the University of Minnesota and with [its own privacy and security policies](#). We anticipate that your participation in this survey presents no greater risk than everyday use of the Internet.

Confidentiality:

Survey data that directly identifies you will be kept private and will only be shared with the research team. Research data collected in this study 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 you or your unit may still be identifiable based on publicly available information about the university. Data may be reused by others without your additional informed consent.

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 the University of Minnesota, the ARL, or any of the associated institutions. If you decide to participate, you are free to not answer any question or withdraw at any time without affecting those relationships.

Contacts and Questions:

The researcher conducting this study at the University of Minnesota: Alicia Hofelich Mohr, PhD
You may ask any questions you have now. If you have questions now, or at a later date, **you are encouraged** to contact her at hofelich@umn.edu or 612-626-8456.

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

This research has been reviewed and approved by an IRB within the Human Research Protections Program (HRPP). To share feedback privately with the HRPP about your research experience, call the Research Participants' Advocate Line at 612-625-1650 (Toll Free: 1-888-224-8636) or go to z.umn.edu/participants. You are encouraged to contact the HRPP 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.