



## Sorbonne declaration on research data rights

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### Based on the following principles:

- Knowledge derived from research benefits society.
- The value of research data lies on its integrity, upon which the public trust in new knowledge is founded.
- Providing access to and openly sharing data enable the development of new knowledge, accelerates discoveries for the benefit of society and economic development.
- Research data should, as much as possible, be shared openly and reused, without compromising national security, institutional autonomy, privacy, indigenous rights and the protection of intellectual property.
- The academic community is integral to identifying the complex conditions for sharing and reuse.

### We, research university networks, commit to:

- Encouraging our universities and their researchers to share data as much as possible.
- Supporting our universities and their researchers in making their data findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR).
- Promoting data curation and sharing and the development of data management plans as a standard part of the research process.
- Engaging institutions in the development of appropriate recognition for researchers who make their data FAIR and share it with appropriate open data licenses.
- Advocating that these principles be integrated into institutional research data policies.
- Encouraging our universities in setting up training and skills development programs that create an environment to promote open research data management.

**We call on the global scholarly and research community to join us in:**

- Building an environment that supports the global sharing of research data, based on the aforementioned principles.
- Building interoperable instruments and appropriate data repositories to share research data as much as possible.
- Ensuring that peer-reviewed publications are supported by the necessary FAIR data sets as research findings must be accessible, verifiable and replicable.

**We ask, in order to deliver on these commitments, that:**

- Funding agencies consider the management of research data as a fully eligible activity for funding and increase research funding accordingly to reflect the full cost of making research data available.
- National governments provide resources to enable data curation and sharing activities to be developed and sustained.
- National jurisdictions develop consistent policies and guidance that embody the aforementioned principles and provide an accurate framework to support their implementation by universities and research institutions.
- Such laws, policies and guidance avoid a “lock-in” effect from commercial platforms and data services to ensure the openness and the reusability of research data.

**The signatories:**

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**African Research Universities Alliance**  
**Coordination of French Research-Intensive Universities**  
**German U15**  
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