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NCI Office of Data Sharing Inaugural Data Jamboree: Enhancing Childhood Cancer Data Sharing and Utility

We are excited to invite you to the upcoming National Cancer Institute's (NCI's) Office of Data Sharing (ODS) inaugural data jamboree to promote the sharing, access and reuse of pediatric and adolescents and young adults (AYA) cancer datasets.

To raise awareness of existing childhood cancer data resources (see examples under [Resources](#)), and promote data utility and interdisciplinary collaboration, the jamboree is calling on **investigators, postdocs, and late-stage graduate students interested in utilizing pediatric and AYA cancer data as part of their research as well as citizen scientists** to collaborate and explore scientific questions to solve to inform better diagnosis and treatment options for children and AYA patients. ***Computational expertise is not required to participate.***

How to Apply: Both registration and project abstract submission are mandatory. [Register here](#) and complete [Project Abstract Submissions](#).

Deadline for Registration and Project Submission: June 23, 2025.

Event Date: September 29 - 30, 2025.

Location: September 29 (full day): NIH Main Campus in Bethesda, Maryland; and September 30 (partial day): NCI Shady Grove Campus, Rockville, Maryland.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the data jamboree! For questions about the data jamboree in general or about the project submission process, please email Dr. Emily Boja from NCI's Office of Data Sharing (emily.boja@nih.gov).

Announcements

Protecting Human Genomic Data when Developing Generative Artificial Intelligence Tools and Applications

NIH has issued a Guide notice [NOT-OD-25-081](#) clarifying how to protect human genomic data obtained from NIH controlled-access repositories when using and developing generative artificial intelligence (AI) models consistent with the Genomic Data Sharing (GDS) Policy.

NIH Data Sharing Index (S-index) Challenge

This Challenge aims to incentivize and reward data sharing excellence, promoting a new metric for assessing how effectively researchers share valuable data, driving a culture of openness in science. [Submission](#) period: **Phase 1 opens on 04/21/25 08:00 AM EDT.**

New NIH Grants & Funding Initiative Implementation and Status Information Page Now Available

NIH posted an [Implementation of New Initiatives and Policies](#) page on the public [NIH Grants & Funding](#) website to pull together the latest information on recent and upcoming changes that impact applications and grants administration.

NIH announces the release of the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan for Data Science

This Strategic Plan prepares NIH to navigate the evolving technology landscape, address the rapid rise in the quantity and diversity of data, and bridge new data to existing knowledge.

NIH is setting five goals to achieve this vision:

Goal 1: Improve Capabilities to Sustain the NIH Policy for Data Management and Sharing; Goal 2: Develop Programs to Enhance Human-Derived Data for Research; Goal 3: Provide New Opportunities in Software, Computational Methods, and Artificial Intelligence; Goal 4: Support for a Federated Biomedical Research Data Infrastructure; Goal 5: Strengthen a Broad Community in Data Science.

[Read the 2025-2030 strategic plan.](#)

Meetings

Happening now:

- Childhood Cancer Data Initiative (CCDI) Webinar: Pediatric Preclinical In Vivo Testing (PIVOT) Program: Advancing Targeted Therapies for Childhood Cancers. May 13, 2025; 1:00PM – 2:00PM ET. [Registration](#).
- Data-Informed Decision-Making: Shaping the Future of Science & Technology. April 30, 2025, 1:00PM – 2:00PM ET. [Registration](#).
- Analyzing Human Tumor Atlas Network (HTAN) Spatial Data with BigQuery Spatial Analytics. May 7, 2025 11:00AM – 12:00PM ET. [Registration](#).
- American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting. April 25 – 30, 2025; Chicago, IL. [Registration](#).

Past meetings:

- NCI Office of Data Sharing Webinar: Navigating Data Access and Best Practices. January 15, 2025. [Recording](#).
- CCDI Webinar: Unlock the Power of Unstructured Data with EMERSE. January 14, 2025. [Recording](#).

We'd love to hear from you! Contact the ODS team at: nciofficeofdatasharing@mail.nih.gov

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