

# IDEA Code of Conduct

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The following is adapted from the Toronto Statement on Prepublication International Data Sharing.<sup>1</sup>

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Participants in the IDEA Consortium agree to abide by the following principles:

**Respect the Privacy, Ethical, and Legal rights** of anyone, including Indigenous peoples<sup>2</sup>, who might be adversely affected by the collection, distribution, use or reuse of data, samples or derived information and knowledge. Apply consent, confidentiality, anonymization and other ethical considerations, where appropriate.

**Rapid prepublication data release** to the IDEA Consortium (e.g., through one of its regional chapters such as the Tetiaroa IDEA), which is a program with the following characteristics:

- Large scale (requiring significant resources over time) and broad utility
- Creating reference data sets
- Associated with community buy-in

**Coordinating nodes** (e.g., Tetiaroa Society for the Tetiaroa IDEA) should facilitate the specification of data-release policies and compliance with agreed Data Management Plans by:

- Explicitly informing applicants of data-release requirements, especially mandatory prepublication data release
- Ensuring that evaluation of data release plans is part of the peer-review process
- Proactively establishing analysis plans and timelines for projects releasing data prepublication
- Fostering investigator-initiated prepublication data release
- Helping to develop appropriate consent, security, access and governance mechanisms that protect research participants while encouraging prepublication data release
- Providing long-term support of databases

**Project leaders** should state their intentions and enable analyses of their data or material samples by:

- Informing data/sample users (e.g., through a ‘marker paper’ at initiation of the project) about the data/samples being generated, data standards and quality, planned analyses, timelines, and relevant contact information
- Providing relevant metadata and documentation that will assist other researchers in reproducing and/or independently analyzing the data, while protecting privacy and other ethical, legal, and social aspects concerning individuals and communities

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<sup>1</sup>**Prepublication data sharing** Toronto International Data Release Workshop Authors Nature **461**, 168-170 (10 September 2009) doi:10.1038/461168a[doi.org/10.1038/461168a]

<sup>2</sup>Collective benefit, Authority to control, Responsibility, and Ethics - CARE principles for Indigenous data governance. GIDA <https://www.Gida-Global.Org/care>

- Ensuring that all participants in their Project are informed that their data will be shared with other scientists in the IDEA Consortium and the associated terms
- Publishing their initial global analyses in a timely fashion
- Providing a copy of their data, protocols, software and other outputs, in an easily retrievable form and with appropriate metadata and documentation that facilitates usage of both pre-processed and processed data (e.g., following FAIR data principles)
- Ensuring the long-term maintenance of these resources (e.g., through deposition in appropriate repositories and collections).

**Data analysts/users** should freely analyze released prepublication data or samples and act responsibly in publishing their analyses by:

- Respecting the scientific etiquette that allows data producers to publish the first global analyses of their data set
- Reading the citable document(s) associated with the project (e.g., ‘marker paper’)
- Accurately and completely citing the source of prepublication data and metadata, including the version of the data set
- Being aware that released prepublication data may be associated with quality issues that will be later rectified by the data producers
- Contacting the data producers to discuss publication plans in the case of overlap between planned analyses
- Ensuring that use of data does not harm participants and is in conformity with ethical, legal, and social aspects and approvals
- In case of major data project using substantial, significant or otherwise potentially sensitive prepublication data, users are encouraged to submit a Project application to TS for access to the data (digital Tetiaroa) to facilitate review and collaboration with relevant stakeholders

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