

Data Access Agreement

This Data Access Agreement (“Agreement”) governs your access to and use of the facial image dataset associated with the paper “Attention and Residual Mechanism-Enhanced CNN Architecture (ARC-Net) with XAI Techniques for Deepfake Facial Image Detection.” By signing below, you (“Recipient”) agree to comply with all terms set forth herein.

1. Definitions

- **Data**
The collection of 500 real Bangladeshi facial images obtained from the repository accompanying the ARC-Net paper.
- **Recipient**
A qualified researcher who has completed this Agreement (Section 2) and received formal acknowledgement of its acceptance.

2. Recipient Information

Please provide the following details for each individual at your institution who will access or process the Data:

Name:

Email:

Affiliation:

Homepage (URL):

Signature: (handwritten)

3. Permitted Use

The Data may be used solely for bona fide research purposes in the field of deepfake detection or related machine-learning studies. Any other use—commercial, instructional, or otherwise—is strictly prohibited without prior written consent from the Data provider.

4. Confidentiality & Distribution

1. The Recipient and all associated staff commit to maintain the confidentiality of the Data.
2. The Data must not be shared with any third party under any circumstances.
3. All copies of the Data, derivative works, and analysis outputs must be stored securely according to your institution’s data-protection policies.

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5. Institutional Responsible Officer

A senior staff member at your institution assumes responsibility for ensuring compliance with this Agreement by all Recipients. Please complete their details below:

Name:

Email:

Title/Position:

Affiliation

Homepage (URL):

6. Execution & Submission

1. Please scan or photograph the fully completed and signed Agreement.
2. **Email** the signed e-copy to:
 - **Primary:** shihab.reza@northsouth.edu
 - **CC:** mahmudislam2025@gmail.com
3. *(Optional)* You may include Mostafizur Rahman (Officer, Office of Research, North South University) in CC or BCC for records at:
mostafizur.rahman09@northsouth.edu

By submitting this Agreement, the Recipient and Institutional Officer confirm that they have read, understood, and agree to abide by all terms herein.

Recipient Signature:

Date: _____

Institutional Officer Signature:

Date: _____