

A quick guide to DMP

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What is a DMP?

- Needs to be written before you start your project
- “Living” document
- Content
 - Your data and data documentation
 - Legal & ethical obligations related to your data
 - Data storage during and after your research project
 - Data sharing & reuse of your data
 - Responsibilities & budgets

Why is a DMP important?

- For funders:
 - Mandatory requirement for certain funders, e.g. FWO & HE
 - Demonstrates responsible use of funding
- For researchers = planning tool that saves headache later
 - Saves time later by organizing data handling early in the project
 - Reduces the risk of data loss, corruption, or privacy breaches
 - Makes your data easier to find and reuse
 - Simplifies sharing within teams and with external partners

Conclusion

- A DMP = planning for your data's full life cycle
- Required by funders, useful for researchers
- Saves time, prevents loss, increases impact
- Good data management = good research