

# Accessing GTEx Data in dbGaP

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  - Note: if you've missed this the first time around, you can update an existing application.

# Overview of the Application



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### Required Information

1. Research Use Statement
2. Name of institution's signing official and IT director
3. Decryption password (save this!)
4. List of collaborators (all must have accounts at eRA Commons)
5. GTEX accession number: **phs000424.v3.p1.c1**

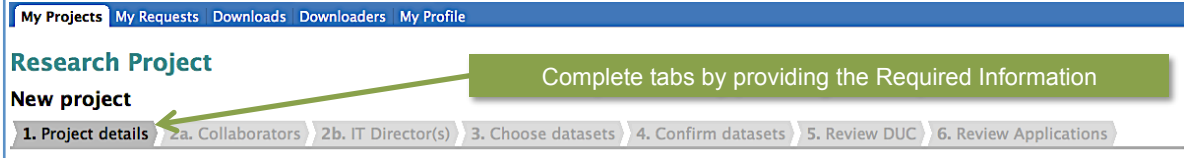
**GO TO:** [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap)

### Completing the Application

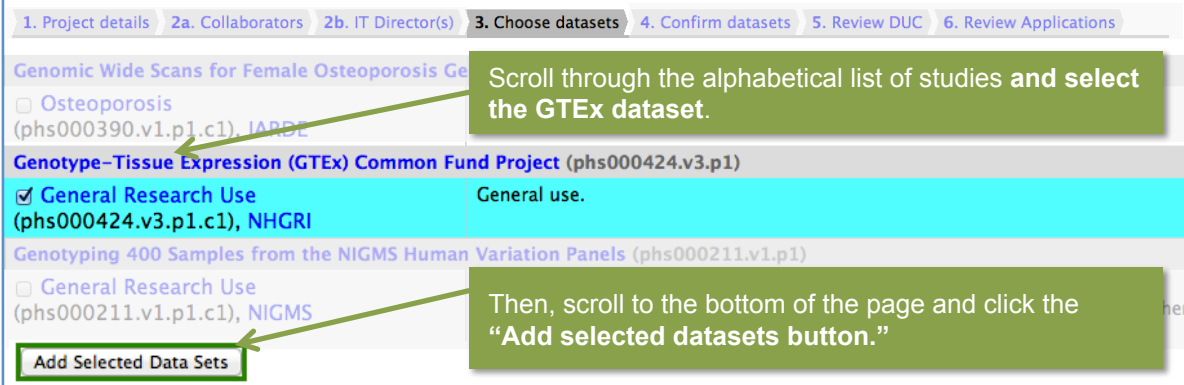


Click "Apply for Controlled Access Data" on the dbGaP homepage. Log in and follow instructions to create a new project.

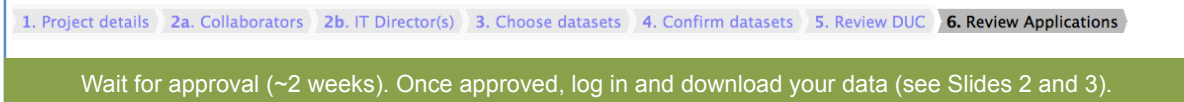
### 1 – 2. Adding Details to Your Project



### 3. Choosing the GTEX Dataset (phs000424.v3.p1.c1)



### 4 – 6. Confirm, Review, and Submit Your Application



**NOTE:** At step 3, the GTEX study is listed about half way down the page. Checking this box provides access to publicly available data. It **DOES NOT** provide access to the exchange area.

# Overview of Data Access: dbGaP



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### Downloading Data from dbGaP

#### Required Materials:

1. Approved application for controlled access
2. Username and password of PI or designated downloader
3. Decryption password (specified in the application)
4. Aspera software ([www.asperasoft.com](http://www.asperasoft.com))

GO TO: [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap)

Click here

Access dbGaP Data  
Apply for Controlled Access Data

1. Click "[Apply for Controlled Access Data](#)"
2. Log in to the authorized access system
3. Click on the "[My Requests](#)" tab

### Phenotype, Genotype & Expression Data

on Fund Project (phs000424.v3.p1  
1.c1), NHGRI

Click here

Request Files  
Processing History

Click "[Request Files](#)" to create a request for data.

### Creating a Dataset Request

**Choose your files:** Phenotype = Subject and Sample descriptions; Genotype = Illumina 5M and Exome; Expression = Gene-level RPKM

Phenotype and Genotype files | SRA data (reads and reference alignments) | SRA submitted files

<input type="checkbox"/> Available Phenotype and Genotype Files	57 Gb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEX) (phs000424.v3.p1.c1)	57 Gb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Study Files	483 Kb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Phenotype Files	582 Kb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Genotype Files	52 Gb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expression Files	4678 Mb

Create download request

Select the files you would like to download and click the "[Create download request](#)" button.

Get [manifest](#) (CSV format).

### Downloading Your Datasets

db GaP  
Data-request #31507  
What is aspera and how to download and install it?  
How should I decrypt data?  
How can I change transfer speed?  
Browser download (using AsperaConnect plugin) intro:  
1. new directory - you will be asked for download location.  
2. default location - change it in Aspera preferences  
default download directory is usually set to 'Downloads', which is hardly good place for large files

Datasets can be downloaded with the **Aspera software** either through a web-browser or the 'ascp' command line tool.

### Decrypting Your Datasets

You will also receive an email with a link to your data. This email will have a link to the **NCBI provided decryption tools** in the SRA toolkit.

2. NCBI Decryption Tools latest release binaries and [md5 checksums](#):

- [CentOS Linux 64 bit architecture](#)
- [CentOS Linux 32 bit architecture](#)
- [Ubuntu Linux 64 bit architecture](#)
- [MacOS 64 bit architecture](#)
- [MacOS 32 bit architecture](#)
- [MS Windows 64 bit architecture](#)
- [MS Windows 32 bit architecture](#)

NOTE: BAMs need to be downloaded from the SRA, see the next page

# Overview of Data Access: SRA



## Accessing GTEx Data in dbGaP and the SRA

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### Downloading BAMs from the SRA

#### Required Materials:

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3. Decryption password (specified in the application)
4. Aspera software (www.asperasoft.com)

GO TO: [www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gap)

Click here

Access dbGaP Data

Apply for Controlled Access Data

1. Click "[Apply for Controlled Access Data](#)"
2. Log in to the authorized access system
3. Click on the "[My Requests](#)" tab

### Phenotype, Genotype & Expression Data

on Fund Project (phs000424.v3.p1)  
1.c1), NHGRI

Click here

Request Files  
Processing History

Click "[Request Files](#)" to create a request for data.

### Creating a Dataset Request

Choose your files: SRA submitted files are the GTEx aligned BAMs.

[Phenotype and Genotype files](#) | [SRA data \(reads and reference alignments\)](#) | [SRA submitted files](#)

#### Caveats in handling submitted files.

- ☐ SRA submission files
- ☐ SRP012682
- ☒ SRS332928
  - ☒ SRX198171
    - ☒ SRR598484\_processed
      - ☒ G16644.GTEX-PW2O-0526.3.bam
- ☒ SRS332930
- ☒ SRS332932

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Datasets can be downloaded with the **Aspera software** either through a web-browser or the 'ascp' command line tool.

### Tips

- Download the manifest, it will indicate which files you've downloaded previously and help you find files specific to a subject or tissue site
- Mark the top level box for "SRP012682" if you want to select all files
- Use the "~~overwrite=never~~" flag when downloading BAMs with the Aspera ascp command line tool to avoid downloading files that have been previously downloaded.
- All BAMs that pass technical QC are submitted to the SRA, the Analysis Working Group defines a set of files that pass a more thorough QC

# Accessing the Exchange Area

<input type="checkbox"/> General Research Use	These data will be used only for research purposes. They will not be used to determine the individual person or their relationship to another person.
<b>Whole Genome Association Twin Study of Myopia and Glaucoma Risk Factors</b> (phs000142.v1.p1), NEI	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Research Use	Twins Eye Study of Refractive Error and Glaucoma Endophenotypes (TES) participant consented use.
<b>Whole Genome Sequencing of Triple Negative Breast Cancer</b> (phs000245.v1.p1), NHGRI	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cancer Research	Data Use is limited to cancer research.
<b>Women's Health Initiative</b> (phs000200.v5.p2), NHLBI	
<input type="checkbox"/> Genotype and Analysis	The informed consent document signed by the WHI SHARe Study participants allows use of these data by investigators employed by non-profit and for-profit organizations. These data may be used by private companies in the development of diagnostics and therapeutics under the current consent.
<input type="checkbox"/> Non Profit Use Only	The informed consent document signed by the WHI SHARe Study participants allows use of these genetic data by investigators employed by non-profit organizations only. Direct use of these data by private companies to develop diagnostics or therapeutics is NOT allowed under the current consent.

Scroll down to the bottom of the list of data sets

[Back](#) [Add Selected Data Sets](#)

Study accession for preview:  [Add](#)

This input box is only for data submitters of studies that are currently in preview-status. If you are a data submitter, please input the study accession

**Location in the application:** When you are selecting data sets, if you want access to the publicly available dbGaP/SRA files **AND** the exchange area, you need to add both to your application.

Access to dbGaP publicly available data is show on slide 3, follow those instructions.

To add the exchange area, when you are selecting data sets, scroll to the bottom of the list and manually enter “phs000424.v3.p1” in the box labeled “Study accession for preview.”

# Accessing the Exchange area



When your application is approved, you should see TWO entries for GTEx data:

[My Requests](#) [Downloads](#) [My Profile](#)

## Request List

Approved (2)

#	Study, Consent	Status	Expiration	Actions
PI: Kristin Ardlie , Project #3573: GTEx LDACC dbGaP Data				
14493-5	Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx) Common Fund Project (phs000424.v3.p1) Exchange Area (phs000424.v3.p1.c999), NHGRI	Data access GRANTED	2014-05-10	<a href="#">Request Files</a> <a href="#">Processing History</a>
18641-2	Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx) Common Fund Project (phs000424.v3.p1) General Research Use (phs000424.v3.p1.c1), NHGRI	Data access GRANTED	2014-05-10	<a href="#">Request Files</a> <a href="#">Processing History</a>