



Collection Scope and Coverage

DARIAH will build relationships with and foster collaborations between researchers and organisations which provide access to data.

This policy aims to ensure the DARIAH user community has access to the high quality resources and data necessary to perform advanced research tasks. The real long-term research value of digital data and resources resides in access and interoperability. The researcher requires data to be available and to be linkable to other relevant materials. To promote access and interoperability of resources DARIAH will build formal relationships with organisations providing data. The policy sets out the areas and parameters of interaction between organisations that manage these collections and the DARIAH consortium.

Who is this policy for?

- Institutional repositories;
- National data services;
- Arts and humanities research institutes;
- Cultural heritage organisations;
- Research libraries;
- Users of the data and resources to which DARIAH provides access.

The three main types of place in which data for DARIAH's users are to be found are:

- **Data produced by researchers:** primarily project based, this could be either open or only available to a selected group of users. Data of this type could be specialist digitised material produced to answer a specific research question, intermediate outcomes, and conclusions or publications.
- **Collections within the higher education sector:** Institutional repositories within universities and national data services are the caretakers of this type of material.
- **Cultural heritage collections:** Much of the material of interest to humanists and arts scholars is held in a diverse range of research and memory institutions. DARIAH will work with these organisations to provide access to these collections.

Allowing researchers to combine resources from diverse sources and collaborate in the use of these collections will enhance the possibilities and outcomes of digital research across the arts and humanities.

This policy sets out the parameters for interaction between organisations with which DARIAH will work in order to allow users access to digital data and resources. The policy explains how DARIAH will develop relationships and interactions with these organisations.

With the exponential growth of resources available for arts and humanities research, and the range of collections and organisations in which it is held, discovering data is a major challenge for even experienced digital humanities scholars. For researchers just embarking on digital research this diversity and inaccessibility can be a major barrier. DARIAH will provide researchers with the ability to discover and use resources from geographically and culturally diverse sources. To make this possible DARIAH will build relationships with collections and offer researchers access to the diversity of arts and humanities resources available.

Some of the tools and services provided by the DARIAH partnership to enable resource discovery and use:

- **Catalogues** - highly detailed and granular information about collections and contents which the researcher will be able to search to find the resources they require.
- **Registries** - machine readable data to allow digital tools to discover and manipulate objects within collections.
- **Gateways** - services which connect heterogeneous resources into a single environment to enable research activities and collaborative work.

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