

A practical guide to DMPonline

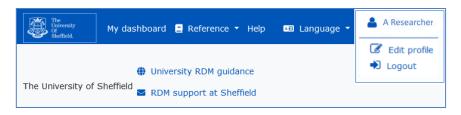
Writing a data management plan (DMP) can help ensure your data is easier to store, find and understand. DMPs are required by most research funders and for PGR confirmation review. Writing a DMP is also a requirement of the University's Research Data Management Policy. To support this, the Library provides access to DMPonline, a tool with templates and guidance from the University and major funders to help students and staff in writing a DMP.

Create an account



• To create a DMPonline account, go to <u>dmponline.sheffield.ac.uk</u> and click on **Create account**. Enter your details, including a unique password you do not use elsewhere.

My Dashboard



• Your DMPonline homepage is called **My Dashboard**. You can use the drop-down menu at the top right of the screen to edit your profile (including notification settings) and log out. You can also see the plans you have created and plans that have been shared with you.



• To create a new data management plan, click on **Create plan**.





Create a new plan

• Give a title for your project and select an appropriate template from the list.

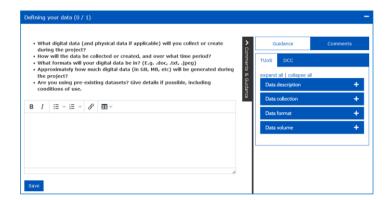


- If you select a funder template, check the details of your funding for specific DMP requirements such as word count. The University of Sheffield templates are suitable for projects with no external funding, or whose funder is not listed. (Note that 'paper-based' templates are for research involving very little digital data.)
- Select **Create**, then use the tabs across the top of your chosen template to create and manage your DMP.
- Under **Project details**, give brief details of the research in the **Project abstract** field and complete the **Project start/end dates** if possible. Then select **Write plan** to access the plan template. (Completion of other tabs is optional.)



Write a plan

• In the **Write plan** tab, select + or **expand all** to view sections of the template. Use the prompts in each section to complete the plan as fully as possible.





- You can find useful information to help you write your plan from The University of Sheffield (TUoS), Digital Curation Centre (DCC), and funder if applicable, via the **Guidance** tabs to the right of each section. There is also a **Comments** tab in each section, which can be used by those you share the plan with.
- Try to focus in your plan on the data you will use and create in your research, and remember to click on **Save** at the end of each section.

Share a plan

• To share a plan with a supervisor or colleague, click on **Share** at the top of the plan. Add their email address under **Invite collaborators**, then select a **Permissions** option and **Submit**. You can also set your plan visibility here – this would normally be **Private**.

Comment on a plan

To comment on a plan that has been shared with you, first open the plan in My Dashboard. Select Write plan, then click on the Comments tab to the right of each section. You can add feedback, questions and suggestions in each comments field – remember to click on Save at the end of each one.

Download a plan

 You can use the **Download** tab to download a plan in your chosen format (e.g. .docx) and select which components you wish to be included. Please note that there is no facility to submit your plan via DMPonline. Ask your supervisor, department or funder for details of your DMP submission process.

Request feedback

 You can use the Request feedback tab to request feedback on a plan from the Library's Research Data Management (RDM) team. Please note that while the Library team provides comments and advice on DMPs, it does not approve them. Contact your supervisor, department or funder for details of your DMP approval process.

Ongoing support

• The Library's RDM team provides training, support and guidance to help you manage your research data and write a data management plan. You can find more information on the RDM webpages, including advice on data management planning and details of training sessions. If you have any questions, email the RDM team at rdm@sheffield.ac.uk.