Health Sciences Library System

Terms of Participation in the Pitt Data Catalog

By participating in the Pitt Data Catalog, you agree to the following principles:

1. Where applicable, researchers must comply with IACUC or IRB protocols as it relates to data sharing.

2. Researchers must comply with any applicable contractual obligations related to the data (i.e. Nondisclosure Agreements, Material Transfer Agreements, etc.)

3. As applicable, commit to de-identifying any confidential or otherwise legally protected information prior to sharing data.

4. Notify the Health Sciences Library System (HSLS) Research Data Services (RDS) team of any restrictions on sharing, and when necessary contact the Office of Research regarding data use agreements (DUAs).

5. In addition to the dataset, we recommend sharing documentation including codebooks and other tools/software needed to work with the data.

6. A long-term contact, similar to a "corresponding author," who is knowledgeable about the dataset and assumes responsibility to providing appropriate access, must be identified and his/her e-mail address will be included in the published data catalog record.

7. The dataset, as described in the data catalog, is in a final state and is not subject to revisions or updates. In the event that changes are made or a new version is issued, you will contact the HSLS RDS team as soon as reasonably possible to ensure that an accurate description of your dataset is available in the data catalog.

8. You are responsible for contacting the HSLS RDS team when there are any changes regarding access to the dataset or the long-term contact.

9. The HSLS RDS team may make changes to the dataset's catalog record, such as enhancements (e.g. keywords) and/or corrections (e.g. minor typos), after the dataset record is approved by the researcher and made publicly available, without notice to the researcher.

10. The HSLS RDS team reserves the right to suppress or remove any dataset record from the catalog at any time, without prior notice to the researcher. Additionally, researchers can request withdrawal of their datasets at any time. If there is a collaborative research team, all members must agree to the withdrawal.

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