

NIH eRA CGAP

Service Provider Q&A

Post-Meeting—September 16, 2004

1. Data sharing is becoming more prominent.

<http://grants.nih.gov.libproxy.lib.unc.edu/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-04-042.html>

According to NIH FAQ

(http://grants.nih.gov.libproxy.lib.unc.edu/grants/policy/data_sharing/data_sharing_faqs.htm)

What do I need to include in my application and where do I put the information about data sharing?

Answer:

Actually, the first guide notice (<http://grants.nih.gov.libproxy.lib.unc.edu/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-04-042.html>) is for a model organism sharing plan, which is different from a data sharing plan. It is supposed to be included in any plan “where the development of model organisms is anticipated”. We have not yet addressed the organism sharing plan. We will work with our NIH internal decision makers to develop a plan for implementing this.

The second link

(http://grants.nih.gov.libproxy.lib.unc.edu/grants/policy/data_sharing/data_sharing_faqs.htm) takes you to a Q&A sheet on data sharing. Our implementation of the data sharing plan should be consistent with this FAQ.

2. Scientists submitting grant, cooperative, or contract applications should include a data-sharing plan, or provide justification for the absence of such a plan, in a brief paragraph to be placed immediately after the Research Plan Section (i.e., immediately after PHS 398 Section I. Letters of Support in the Research Plan Section of their application) so it does not count toward the application page limit.

I assume that for now data sharing information should go at the end of the Section I Letters of Support PDF.

Do you envision adding a new PDF that is specifically for data sharing?

Answer:

Our approach to the Data Sharing Plan is a bit different than that stated in the question. We have had a PDF attachment for it for the last few pilots. If it is included, it is generated as part of the grant image on the page immediately following the last page of Section D of the Research Plan (Research Design and Methods), and is not included in the page count limit for Sections A-D of the Research Plan. There is no bookmark generated for this section, nor is there a Table of Contents entry for it. We arrived at our decision for placement after Section D by looking through a representative sample of the scanned applications with data sharing plans included.