Dealing with personal data in your research: a 6-steps guideline



Before research

Step 1

- ✓ Write a Data Management Plan
- ✓ Contact the FGW Privacy Champion
- Prepare to send in an application to the Research Ethics Review Committee (ETCO).
- ✓ Is your research medical in nature? Inquire beforehand whether you need to submit a request to a METC

Step 2

- ✓ Send in your application to the Research Ethics Review Committee (ETCO), at least one month prior to the start of data collection*
- ✓ Register your processing activities via <u>DMPOnline</u>
- ✓ Prepare your privacy statement
- ✓ Arrange a suitable storage solution such as <u>Research</u> <u>Drive</u> or <u>YODA</u>
- ✓ Is a third party involved in the processing of the personal data? Set up a data processing or joint controller agreement with the third party



Research Ethics Review Committee (ETCO)

*For questions regarding your application, please send an email to etco.fgw@vu.nl



During research

Step 3

- ✓ Inform your participants and ask for their consent
- ✓ Store the raw data and signed informed consent forms in a secure environment such as Research Drive or YODA
- ✓ Upload your privacy statement on <u>OSF</u> and/or on your project's website

Step 4

- ✓ Before further processing, save a copy of the raw data
- ✓ Document all your processing activities in a logbook
- ✓ Pseudonymize or anonymize the data
- ✓ In case of pseudonymization, store the key in an encrypted vault
- ✓ Regulate who has access to the data



Did you know...

that IT for Research can help you set up a suitable storage solution for your project? itvo.ucit@vu.nl



Support at the Faculty of Humanities (FGW)

Data Steward & Privacy Champion data.fgw@vu.nl



After research

Step 5

- ✓ Prepare a <u>README</u> file to deposit together with the data
- ✓ Deposit the raw data in a closed archive such as YODA
- ✓ Depending on the degree of pseudonymization or anonymization, deposit the processed data in a closed, restricted, or open archive. Consult the RDM LibGuide and/or contact the FGW Data Steward to find a suitable archive for your data

Step 6

✓ Register your dataset(s) in PURE



More information

Practical guidelines on how to deal with personal data throughout your research project can be found in the RDM LibGuide of the University Library

https://libguides.vu.nl/rdm

