

## Research Data Management (RDM) Grants – Call for Applications

The Consortium for the Social, Behavioural, Educational and Economic Sciences ([KonsortSWD](#)) as part of the National Research Data Infrastructure ([NFDI](#)) invites researchers to apply for RDM grants. RDM grants shall foster the preparation and provision of relevant and new data corpora for secondary use according to the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable). RDM grants shall hence facilitate dissemination of qualitative or quantitative data corpora that have not been archived or released yet to the scientific community. Also, enriching of existing data corpora in terms of linkage to further data sources and thereby enlarging the analytical potential of data sources is possible. By collaborating with a Research Data Center (RDC), data owners can make their unique data available to the scientific research communities and benefit from RDCs professional data management services to enhance the visibility of their data and the impact of their research.

RDM grant proposals address the following range of topics: 1) design of a data management plan, 2) concepts for anonymisation, 3) (transnational) access to sensitive data for secondary users, 4) high-quality metadata documentation, and 5) digital long-term preservation.

**To meet the eligibility criteria** for RDM grants, applicants

- must be holder of the data,
- must fulfill regulations concerning data protection and data dissemination for scientific purposes (e.g. consent declarations) in order to archive and publish the data by an RDC,
- shall outline the relevance of the data to the scientific community,
- must not have received funding for RDM purposes from other sources (no other public funding), and
- will receive funding in accordance with the funding regulations [NFDI300](#) of the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Applicants without access to an RDC specialized in their field of expertise can team up with an accredited [RDC](#). In tandem, they apply for an RDM grant providing funds for one data project. If no specialized RDC is available directly for individual researchers, applicants will receive a recommendation concerning a suitable RDC for the proposed project. Administration of RDM grants is provided by the coordination of the task area “Data Access” of KonsortSWD located at the Leibniz Institute for Educational Trajectories ([LifBi](#)).

Project proposals (max. 15,000 characters incl. space) will be reviewed by the [FDI Committee](#). They contain a description of the data corpus (collection, content, existing documentation including wording of privacy policy and consent - if applicable) and formulate a concise project plan (milestones) for data preparation and data publication by an RDC. They also include a cost calculation and, if available, a list of publications based on the data corpus. If arrangements with an RDC exist, the project plan, cost calculation and a letter of interest (LOI) should be coordinated with the RDC.

RDM grant proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria: 1) the potential scientific contribution of the data, 2) the added value created by the availability of the data according to the [FAIR](#) principles (Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability, Reusability), 3) the scientific quality of the

RDM project, 4) the potential for secondary use, 5) the FAIRness of the project and 6) the appropriateness of the requested funding amount for the FDM project.

A decision on the funding of the requested projects will be based on the recommendations of the FDI Committee in June 2021. Funded RDM projects can start their work from 1 July 2021. We expect applications with funding periods of less than one year. At the end of the project period, applicants are required to document their results, especially with regard to realised or planned data publication.

Please send your application to [fdi-office@lifbi.de](mailto:fdi-office@lifbi.de).

- Deadline for applications: April 30, 2021
- Notice of granting: End of June 2021
- Start of funding period: July 1, 2021 or later

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