

# HELP! I NEED A DATA ACCESS STATEMENT

Any paper acknowledging UKRI (formerly RCUK) funding needs a statement explaining where readers can find the data that support your findings.

## I have an external research partner

You might not be able to share anything - contact the **RED Contracts Team** to check the terms of your collaboration agreement. If you can't share data, use the statement: **Data cannot be shared due to contractual restrictions.**

## I used someone else's data

Cite the dataset as suggested by the data owner, or explain where the data can be accessed: **This study used [name of dataset] which is available from [link/contact].**

## My data can't be shared openly

You can still publish it under embargo or with access restrictions. Explain the restrictions in your statement: **Supporting data cannot be shared openly due to [reasons]. Details of how to request access are available from [repository] under the DOI [DOI].**

## But I don't have any data!

You still need a statement. Use **This study did not involve any data.**

## There's enough information in my paper for readers to check my findings

Use the statement: **Supporting data are provided within this paper.**

## There's enough information in the supplementary information for readers to check my findings

Use the statement: **Supporting data are provided as supplementary information.**

## I've published my data in a data repository

If the repository has a preferred citation style, use that. If not, use: **Supporting data are available from [repository] under the DOI [DOI].**

## Still confused?

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