

Research Data Management and Intellectual Property for HDR candidates

As a new or current Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidate, you will need to develop a Research Data Management Plan for your research project, as outlined in the University [Management of Research Data and Primary Research Materials Policy](#). You are encouraged to do this at the beginning of your research project, and review and update your plan regularly.

A Research Data Management Plan is a document which describes:

- The type of data and materials you will use for your research
- Where you will store and back-up the data and materials?
- How you will make sure data and materials are stored safely and securely, considering ethical, legal and other requirements?
- Who will be able to access, share, reuse, or publicly access the data and materials?
- How long the data will be retained and the process for disposing the data after the defined period (if applicable)?

Intellectual Property, Data Management and Sharing

In developing your Research Data Management Plan, you will also need to consider the University [Intellectual Property Policy](#) and [Publication and Authorship of Research Policy](#).

Generally, students own the Intellectual Property (IP) that they generate in the course of their studies at the University. However, there are certain conditions under which the IP may be assigned to another party (refer Principles clause 6 - Ownership of IP produced by Students).

As an HDR candidate, if you are collecting and analysing data on a research project as part of a research team, the IP is owned collectively by the team. This means that there is an agreement that you will share and provide access to the team to reuse your data. Taking such a collegial and collaborative approach aligns with the ethical and responsible conduct of research.

All HDR candidates are researchers, and hence are required to abide by the University's [Responsible Conduct of Research Policy](#) and the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research, 2018](#).