

WAISCORES Data Sharing Policy

Prior to Collection of Data

I will inform the Science Coordination Office (SCO) of all the data I intend to collect and the SCO will post this information on the WAIS Divide web site. This information will include information on the sampling plan and the expected date the data will be available.

After Collection of Data but Before Publication

I will share my data with other WAISCORES investigators and members of their staff working on WAISCORES. This will be done by sending a copy of the data to the SCO. Timescales will be treated like any other data set. The format of the data must be acceptable to the SCO. Metadata in a format consistent with the National Geophysical Data Center (NGDC; <http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/>) will also be provided. I will provide the data in a refined form that is as simple as practical for other people to use (i.e. not raw data that needs a lot of work before it can be used). Timescales will be treated like a regular data set. The SCO will make this data available to other WAISCORES participants by posting it on a password restricted web site. I will send my data to the SCO as soon as practical after the data has been collected. This does not include data such as photos and log books which are not collected or stored in a digital form. However, when practical I will submit critical portions of such data in a digital form.

While the data is only available on the restricted web site, I will not publish, present (i.e. at a workshop, seminar or meeting) or submit for publication, work that relies on someone else's unpublished data without permission from them to do so.

The source of all data, published or unpublished, will be acknowledged.

I will not use other people's data in a way that is not related to the data I have collected, unless I have specific permission from the person who collected the data. (The goal here is to share data to help you interpret your data, not to provide a way to use other people's data for a purpose that is unrelated to what you are funded to work on.)

I will not give other people's data to anyone except members of my staff (i.e. students, or close collaborators) and will only do so if I am closely working with them on the interpretation of the data and it relates to the interpretation of my WAISCORES data.

If after preliminary investigations with someone else's data I believe that further work may lead to an interesting result, I will notify the person who collected the data of my findings and discuss with them the possibility of collaborative efforts. This will be done as early as possible. (i.e., do not wait until you have a draft of a paper with someone's data in it to ask them if they want to be coauthor.)

After the End of Project

Two years after the end of the grant on which the data was collected, I will give a copy of all published and unpublished data to the SCO. I will provide meta data in a format that

is consistent with the NGDC. The SCO will make this data publicly available through a recognized data center.

Other Issues

This policy is in addition to any National Science Foundation (NSF) requirements.

The methods used to collect the data will be sufficiently described to allow the data to be used by researchers not involved in its original collection.

I will endeavor that my students, staff members and collaborators also follow this policy.

Exceptions to this policy can be made by the Executive Committee, the SCO, or the NSF.

Participant's Name (Type or Print)

Participant's Signature

Date