National Science Foundation Data Management Plan – A Guide for Dickinson Principal Investigators

All NSF proposals must include a Data Management Plan (DMP), **no longer than two pages**, which describes the Principal Investigator's plans for managing data and sharing the products of research or shows that such plans are not needed. DMPs will be submitted through Research.gov as a supplementary document. Research.gov will not accept proposals that do not have a DMP. DMPs will be reviewed as part of the intellectual merit or broader impacts of the proposal, or both, as appropriate.

DMPs illustrate the intention of full and open sharing of all data with the research and applications communities, private industry, academia, and the general public—a result of the Federal Funding Accessibility and Transparency Act.

Data management requirements and plans specific to the Directorate, Office, Division, Program, or other NSF unit relevant to a proposal are available at http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/dmp.jsp.

Please note that if a specific program solicitation provides guidance on preparation of DMPs, such guidance must be followed. If specific guidance for a particular program is not available, the requirements set forth in the current NSF Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide apply.

Once Dickinson PIs have drafted DMPs for their projects,* the Sponsored Projects Office should be contacted **early** to allow time to provide estimates of costs related to the implementation of the DMP. These costs can be added to the NSF budget.

Dickinson College is dedicated to supporting faculty members' efforts in the development of DMPs and the dissemination and sharing of their NSF-funded research results. For more information, please contact Ben Sweger.

* RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE TO INSERT INTO DMP: To ensure easy access to information about data resulting from this project for outside parties at the time of award, a web page link is available (title: "Federally Funded Research Data") under Dickinson's public internet web site where an active email address exists to request a copy of this Data Management Plan, data, or other products resulting from this project.