White House Requests Input on Data Repositories

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The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) is looking to hear from the public on what characteristics make data repositories useful for managing and sharing data, and psychological scientists should consider submitting their opinions.

OSTP has developed a draft document that identifies desirable characteristics of repositories for managing and sharing data resulting from federally funded research. This short list of draft characteristics addresses such issues as long-term sustainability and security of data storage, opportunity for reuse of data, and also proposes a set of special considerations for repositories that store human data.

Given that many psychological scientists are at the forefront of data sharing and working with data repositories, APS encourages interested members to submit a response following the instructions here: federalregister.gov/d/2020-00689. Responses should be submitted by March 6, 2020.