

Which Deposit Option is Right for Me? Curated or Self-published?

NACDA

vs.

NACDA OAR

The National Archive of Computerized Data on Aging (NACDA) welcomes and encourages deposits of digital data on aging. Use this decision tree to determine which option best meets your needs — NACDA curated or the NACDA Open Aging Repository (NACDA-OAR). Both options are free to the data provider and access to the data is free to all secondary users.

Are your data about Aging Populations (gerontology)?

YES

NO

Contact ICPSR-help@umich.edu to talk about your data sharing options at ICPSR

You are in the right place!

Was your project funded by NIA?

NO

NACDA OAR NACDA-OAR is one option we recommend but there are some exceptions. [Email us](#) so we can help you figure out if this is best for you.

YES

Are the data public, restricted, or both?

NO

Are the data replication data (related to a publication) or primary data?

RESTRICTED

BOTH

NACDA

If your data require any access restrictions the NACDA curated option is necessary

REPLICATION DATA

PRIMARY DATA

CODE/DOCUMENTATION

NACDA OAR

Replication data: use NACDA-OAR

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Primary data (if also NIA funded): use NACDA curated

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Secondary data project (no data materials, just code & documentation): use NACDA-OAR



If you need help determining the most appropriate place to deposit your data, contact ICPSR-help@umich.edu.

NACDA Curated (main aging archive): Any NIA-funded researcher (whether at an ICPSR member institution or not) can deposit their data into NACDA at no cost. NIA supports professional curation for research collections funded by NIA, and these collections are made available free to the public. For more information about depositing, including data sharing best practices and what happens after you deposit, visit our deposit page.

NACDA-OAR (self-published): The Open Aging Repository is our user-controlled, self-publishing archive. Any researcher can deposit their data here, but NACDA (or ICPSR) does not curate the data. The uploaded data are available to everyone (members and non-members) at no cost in the same condition and format in which they are uploaded by the researcher/data provider. Another benefit to using the NACDA-OAR is that you receive an immediate publication with a citation (DOI), so it's great for replication data.

Please note that it's also possible for openICPSR/NACDA-OAR projects to receive curation services at a later date at the depositor's request, but the two versions of the study would require two different DOIs.