

## Appendix A

Survey: Research Data Management Among Life Sciences Faculty

### **QA “Research Data Management Practices Among Life Sciences Faculty”**

#### *Informed Consent for Taking Part as a Subject in a Research Study*

Thank you for helping us strengthen the library’s services by completing this survey. The survey is comprised of 11 multiple choice questions that should take no longer than 2-3 minutes to complete. If you agree to this study, you will be asked to complete a brief survey about your research data management practices and needs. If you opt to participate in a follow-up interview, you will be asked to meet with the researchers for further related discussion. Interviews will be audio-taped for later evaluation.

This study is conducted by:

- Kelly Johnson, NYU Division of Libraries, New York University
- Vicky Steeves, NYU Division of Libraries and NYU Center for Data Science, New York University

Before you decide to participate, please read this form thoroughly and ask any questions that you have regarding its contents.

### **Who is Participating**

Faculty in the:

- Department of Biology

- Department of Environmental Studies
- Department of Nutrition and Food Studies
- College of Global Public Health
- Center for Neural Sciences

### **What You Will Do**

You will answer 11 multiple choice questions, which will take about 2-3 minutes of your time. Participation in the follow-up survey (if granted) will take approximately 30 minutes of your time.

### **Expected Risks**

There are no expected risks.

### **Expected Benefits**

Although you will receive no direct benefits other than improved library services, this research may help the researchers better understand research data management needs among faculty.

### **Compensation**

For your participation in this survey, a charitable donation of \$5 will be made to NYU's Community Fund (up to a maximum donation of \$500). You must complete the survey before funds are allocated.

### **Leaving the Study**

Your involvement in this study is voluntary, and if you choose not to take part, it will not affect your present or future relations with any participating institutions. You are free to leave the study at any time, without fear of penalty or loss of benefits.

### **Dismissal**

We hope that you will follow the above directions to the best of your ability. If you are unable to do so, or if the study is canceled, you may be dismissed.

### **Confidentiality**

Confidentiality of your research records will be strictly maintained; no identifying information will be collected in conjunction with your survey (or interview responses). You may opt out at any time by closing your browser window, in which case none of your answers will be recorded.

### **Questions**

If there is anything about the study or your participation that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact Kelly Johnson at (212) 992-7304, [kelly.johnson@nyu.edu](mailto:kelly.johnson@nyu.edu), 70 Washington Square South #523B, New York, NY 10012 or Victoria Steeves at (212) 992-6269, [victoria.steeves@nyu.edu](mailto:victoria.steeves@nyu.edu), 70 Washington Square South #517, New York, NY 10012.

For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects, New York University, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012 at (212)-998-4808 or [ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu](mailto:ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu).

### **Statement of Consent**

I have read (or have had read to me) the contents of this consent form.

I have had the opportunity to ask any questions.

I have had my questions answered to my satisfaction.

I give my consent to take part in this study.

- I understand and wish to continue.
- I do not want to take part in this study.

**QB For the purposes of this study, please consider "data management" as a reference to any aspect of your research life cycle that concerns data (including, but not limited to, fulfilling funder or publisher requirements, collection, storage, sharing, access, use or reuse, etc.).**

**Q1 Do any of your funders require a Data Management Plan (DMP) with grant applications?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**Q2 Do any of your funders or journal publishers require that you share your data upon publishing an associated paper?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**Q3 Do you store any of your data in a data repository (GENBank, Dryad, figshare, etc.)?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**Q4 Do you maintain backups of any of your research data other than with a data repository (paper copies, cloud storage, flash drives or hard drives, etc.)?**

- Yes
- No

**Q5 Have you shared, would you share, or are you required to share any of your data with other researchers?**

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

**Q6 Have you encountered difficulties with any aspect of data management (writing Data Management Plans, selecting repositories, sharing or reusing your own data, etc.)?**

- Yes
- No

**Q7 Are you aware of any data management services currently offered through the library?**

- Yes
- No

**Q8 Have you requested assistance through *Institution Libraries* in preparing or implementing any aspect of your data management?**

- Yes
- No

**Q9 Would you be interested in using data management services offered through the library?**

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

**Q10 Select your affiliations (please select all that apply):**

- Department of Biology
- Department of Environmental Studies
- Department of Nutrition and Food Studies
- College of Global Public Health
- Center for Neural Sciences
- None of these

**Q11 Would you be willing to participate in a 15-30 minute interview, to be held at the time and location of your choice, about your practices around research data?**

**(Answering “yes” to this question will end your survey session and direct you to a separate page where you will be asked to provide your email address. Your email address cannot be linked to this survey, and your answers will remain anonymous).**

- Yes
- No