

FASEB News

Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Office of Public Affairs • 9650 Rockville Pike • Bethesda, Maryland 20814 • www.faseb.org

NIH Releases Final Statement on Sharing Research Data

On February 26, NIH released its final statement on sharing research data. The statement can be found at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-03-032.html>

In a May 29, 2002 letter to NIH commenting on the proposed rule (see: http://www.faseb.org/opa/news/docs/baldwin_5x29.pdf), FASEB raised its concern that reviewers might factor the proposed data-sharing plan into the determination of scientific merit or priority score. The final statement addresses this concern and clarifies that program staff, not reviewers, will be responsible for overseeing the data sharing policy and for assessing the appropriateness and adequacy of the proposed data-sharing plan. The final statement limits the requirement that a data sharing plan be submitted at the time of the initial grant application to circumstances where investigator -initiated applications show direct costs greater than \$500,000 in any year of the project period. Finally, the final statement revises the definition of "the timely release and sharing" to be no later than the acceptance for publication of the main findings from the final data set.

Return to the [FASEB Office of Public Affairs](http://www.faseb.org/opa/) homepage