

Guidance Notes for Outline Data Management Plans (ODMP)

Introduction

The Outline Data Management Plan for successful proposals will be made available to the NERC Environmental Data Centres (see <http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/sites/data/>) and where appropriate, used by them to draft, in collaboration with the Principal Investigator, a full Data Management Plan (DMP). This full DMP should be mutually agreed between the Data Centre and the Principal Investigator within three months of the start date of the grant. At the end of an award Investigators are required to offer the appropriate Data Centre a copy of any dataset generated, so that the data can be made available for other researchers to use. A simple flowchart that covers the process from ODMP to a full DMP is available here

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/sites/data/dmp/dmp-lifecycle.pdf>

Format for ODMP

The purpose of the Outline Data Management Plan is only to identify if the project will actually produce data and the likely quantity, if known. This information will then be used to inform the relevant NERC Data Centre so they can make contact with the PI to start the discussion around producing the Full Data Management Plan for their project.

As such, the format of the ODMP template is very simple and is used only to collect the minimum required information without causing any undue effort on the part of the PI.