

OSF Project Changes Resources for Funders

OSF is phasing out the OSF Projects workflow as an active collaboration and storage workspace between November 2026 and February 2027. Existing project content will remain accessible according to current permissions, but OSF Projects will no longer support new project creation or ongoing editing after the transition.

No New Projects or Components

Starting November 16, 2026, no new OSF Projects or child components can be created. Existing Projects can still be edited until February 19, 2027.

OSF Projects Become Read-Only

After February 19, 2027, existing public and private OSF Projects will enter a read-only state. Users will no longer be able to add, edit, or update project content.

Access and Links Continue

Existing projects will remain accessible according to current permissions. Public project URLs and DOI identifiers will continue to resolve. Users can still view, [download](#), or delete projects after they become read-only.

Common OSF Project Workflows: **Impact and Recommended Options**

STUDY OUTPUTS: DATA, MATERIALS, AND CODE, SUPPLEMENTS

What changes: OSF will no longer function as a repository for sharing data, materials, code, or supplements. Public project content already on OSF will remain available in a read-only state, but researchers will not be able to add, edit, or update those materials through OSF.

Recommend: Funders should remove references to OSF as a repository solution from guidance on sharing data, materials, code, and supplements. When updating this guidance, funders can consult our [help guide](#) to support researchers in identifying alternative repositories, including repositories that are open-source, non-commercial options like OSF.

To assist funders in tracking research outputs associated with grants, funders should also recommend or require repository services that assign persistent identifiers (PIDs) and instruct grantees to report PIDs as part of reporting requirements. Where possible, grantees should disclose funder IDs or award IDs when sharing their research outputs.

OSF will remain a solution for sharing study plans, registrations, preprints, and postprints, and for linking study plans and preprints to outputs shared on other repositories. If grantees register their studies on OSF, they will be able to link outputs to their registration, which can ease the burden of grant reporting on researchers and compliance monitoring on program officers.

DATA MANAGEMENT PLANS

What changes: OSF will no longer be a workspace for data management plan (DMP) documentation or sharing. Further, OSF will no longer function as a repository for data sharing.

Recommend: Funders may instruct grantees to use tools designed for DMP documentation and sharing, such as DMPTool, EZDMP, Zenodo, an institutional repository, or another selected solution. Funders may refer researchers to our [help guide](#) for data management and sharing plan solutions.

DMPs have always been intended as living documents and are subject to change as circumstances arise over the research lifecycle. Funders should have processes in place to enable researchers to update their DMPs accordingly. Grantees should be instructed to revise their DMPs following the funder's standard process and to replace references to OSF as a data sharing solution [with another appropriate repository](#).

MANAGING DATA ACCESS USING PROJECT AND REGISTRY WORKFLOW

What changes: Managing access to research data remains a valid need, but OSF will no longer support using OSF Projects to store or manage the data itself.

Recommend: Continue using OSF Registries workflows to support documenting study plans. For data storage and access management, use a repository or system suited to the data type and access needs, such as Zenodo, ICPSR, a disciplinary or institutional repository, or another suitable option. Where appropriate, [link the data location](#) back to the related OSF registration.

Workflows with No Change

STUDY PLANS

No change. Continue using OSF registrations and relevant community templates for registering study plans.

SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS

No change. Continue using OSF registration templates for systematic review plans.

SCOPING REVIEWS

No change. Continue using OSF registration templates for scoping review plans.

EMBARGOED REGISTRATIONS

No change. Continue using OSF Registrations when researchers need an embargoed study plan.

PRE-PRINTS

No change. Continue using the relevant community-operated OSF preprint service.

POST-PRINTS

No change. Continue using the relevant community-operated OSF preprint service.

Questions?

For questions about OSF changes, transition timelines, or how to advise researchers in your community, [visit our help guides](#) or reach out to support@osf.io.