

OSF Project Changes Resources for Publishers

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

To assist in tracking research outputs associated with published work, journals should recommend or require that authors deposit data, code, and other materials in repository services that assign persistent identifiers (PIDs), and instruct authors to report those PIDs at submission or acceptance.

OSF will remain a solution for sharing registrations and preprints. If authors register their studies on OSF, they will be able to link outputs such as data, code, preprints, and publications to their registration, enabling linkages across the research lifecycle — from study planning to outcome reporting.

LINKS TO PUBLIC OSF PROJECT CONTENT

What changes: Public OSF projects will become read-only after February 19, 2027. Authors with existing permissions will no longer be able to add, edit, or update project content after that date besides deleting them. All links and DOI identifiers will continue to resolve, preserving linkages between published articles and OSF project content.

Recommend: If authors would like to add, edit, or update project content after February 19, 2027, they can move it to a different [repository](#) and [request that the URL or DOI be redirected](#) to ensure that published links continue to resolve to the appropriate underlying outputs.

LINKS TO PRIVATE OSF PROJECT CONTENT

What changes: Private OSF Projects will become read-only after February 19, 2027. As above, users with existing permissions will continue to have access, but they will no longer be able to add, edit, or update project content after that date. COS anticipates removing private project storage in the future and intends to provide substantial advance notice before any further change. Authors may share view-only links (VOLs) to private content in their manuscripts; further, they may anonymize VOLs, masking contributor names on OSF for blinded review. VOLs will continue to resolve while private project storage exists, but will stop working once it is removed.

Recommend: Check submissions currently under review to determine whether they link to private project content. Authors can refer to our [help guide](#) for private content. If the project is complete and does not need future updates, authors do not need to migrate it, but should make it public or export a copy for their records, and review files, metadata, and organization before projects become read-only. If the content should be publicly available, project administrators [can make the project public](#). If the project is ongoing, needs new collaborators, or requires continued file updates, instruct authors to move the work to another appropriate repository, storage provider, or workflow tool, following the recommendation above.

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.