

FACEBASE DATA USE CERTIFICATION AGREEMENT – VER. JAN 20, 2026

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This Data Use Certification (DUC) Agreement outlines the terms of use for requested controlled-access datasets maintained in FaceBase, a designated NIH Controlled-Access Data Repository, under the “Required Security and Operational Standards for NIH Controlled-Access Data Repositories ([NOT-OD-25-159](#)) and the NIH Genomic Data Sharing Policy.

INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF POLICY

The National Institutes of Health ([NIH Genomic Data Sharing \(GDS\) Policy](#)) expects investigators generating large-scale human genomic data as well as relevant associated data to submit these data to a NIH-designated data repository. Respect for, and protection of the interests of, research participants are a key tenet of the GDS Policy and fundamental to NIH’s stewardship of human genomic data. As such, access to controlled-access human genomic data will be provided only to research investigators who, along with their institutions, agree to meet the expectations and terms of access detailed below and to use the data according to participant informed consent, actualized as applicable Data Use Limitations established by the Submitting Institution through the Institutional Certification.

Definitions of the underlined terminology in this document are found in section 14.

The parties to this Agreement include: the Principal Investigator (PI) requesting access to FaceBase controlled-access data (including genomic and associated data, and non-genomic data) (an “Approved User”), the PI’s home institution (the “Institutional Requester”) as represented by the Institutional Signing Official, and the NIH. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the Data Access Request (DAR) Approval Date, as specified in the notification of Data Access Committee (DAC) approval.

TERMS OF ACCESS

1. Research Use

The Institutional Requester agrees that if access is approved, (1) the PI named in the DAR and (2) those named in the “Senior/Key Person Profile” section of the DAR, including the Information Technology Director and any trainee, employee, or contractor¹ working on the proposed research project under the direct oversight of these individuals, shall become Approved Users of the requested dataset(s). The Institutional Requester and Approved Users acknowledge responsibility for ensuring the review and agreement to the terms within this Agreement and the appropriate research use of controlled-access data obtained through the attached DAR and any Data Derivatives of controlled-access datasets by research staff associated with any approved project, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

¹ If contractor services are to be utilized, the PI requesting the data must provide a brief description of the services that the contractor will perform for the PI (e.g., data cleaning services) in the research use statement of the DAR. The PI is expected to include in any contract agreement requirements that any of the contractor’s employees who have access to the data adhere to the [NIH GDS Policy](#), this [Data Use Certification Agreement](#), and the [NIH Security Best Practices for Users of Controlled-Access Data](#). Note that any scientific collaborators, including contractors, who are not at the Institutional Requester must submit their own DAR.

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Research use will occur solely in connection with the approved research project described in the DAR, which includes a 1-2 paragraph description of the proposed research (i.e., a Research Use Statement). The Institutional Requester further certifies that the Research Use Statement's description of the proposed research is truthful and accurate.

If the DAR process expects a Cloud Use Statement for investigators interested in using Cloud Computing, investigators must provide a Cloud Use Statement about the Cloud Service Provider (CSP) and/or third-party IT system and agree to secure the data according to the [NIH Security Best Practices for Users of Controlled-Access Data](#). The Cloud Use Statement should at least state the name of the CSP and/or third-party IT system, the security standard, and how the CSP and/or third-party IT system will be used to carry out the work described in the Research Use Statement. If applicable, the investigator should describe the role of any Collaborators in using the CSP and/or third-party IT system. If the Approved User(s) plans to collaborate with investigators outside the Institutional Requester, the investigators at each external site ('External Collaborators') must submit an independent DAR using the same project title and Research Use Statement, and if the DAR process expects when using the cloud, a Cloud Use Statement. New uses of these data outside those described in the DAR will require submission of a new DAR; modifications to the research project will require submission of an amendment to this application (e.g., adding or deleting Requester, Collaborators from the Requester, adding datasets to an approved project). Access to the requested dataset(s) is granted for a period of **one (1) year**, with the option to renew access or close-out a project at the end of that year.

Submitting Investigator(s), or their Collaborators, who provided the data or samples used to generate controlled-access datasets subject to the NIH GDS Policy and who have Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval, as applicable, and who meet any other study specific terms of access, are exempt from the limitation on the scope of the research use as defined in the DAR.

2. Requester and Approved User Responsibilities

The Institutional Requester agrees, through the submission of the DAR, that the Approved Users have reviewed and understand the principles for responsible use and data management of controlled-access data as defined in the GDS Policy and the [NIH Security Best Practices for Users of Controlled-Access Data](#). The Institutional Requester and Approved Users acknowledge that the NIH (including the NIDCR FaceBase DAC) may reject DARs, request revisions to DARs, and terminate ongoing research described in the Research Use Statement if NIH assesses the project has significant potential to cause harm to research participants, their families, groups and populations of which they are a part, or the national security of the United States, or for any reason at NIH's discretion. The Institutional Requester and Approved Users further acknowledge that they are responsible for ensuring that all uses of the data are consistent with national, Tribal, and state laws and regulations, as appropriate, as well as relevant institutional policies and procedures for managing controlled-access data. The Institutional Requester and Approved Users agree that in using the data, they are not aware of significant potential for the research to cause harm to participants, their families, groups and populations of which they are a part, or the national security of the United States. The Institutional Requester and Approved Users agree that in using the data, if they become aware of significant potential for the research to cause harm to participants, their families, groups and populations of which they are a part, or the national security of the United States that they will notify NIH within 24 hours. The Institutional Requester certifies that the PI is in good standing (i.e., no known sanctions) with the institution, relevant funding agencies, and regulatory agencies and is eligible to conduct independent research (i.e., is not a postdoctoral fellow, student, or trainee). The Institutional Requester and any Approved Users may use the dataset(s) only

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in accordance with the parameters described on the study page for the appropriate research use, as well as any limitations on such use of the dataset(s) as described in the DAR, and as required by law.

Through the submission of this DAR, the Institutional Requester and Approved Users acknowledge receiving and reviewing a copy of the Data Use Limitation(s) for requested controlled-access data. The Institutional Requester and Approved Users agree to comply with the terms listed.

Through submission of the DAR, the PI and Institutional Requester agree to submit a Project Renewal or Project Close-out prior to the expiration date of the one (1) year data access period. The PI also agrees to submit an annual Progress Update prior to the one (1) year anniversary of the project, as described under *Research Use Reporting* (Term 11) below.

By approving and submitting the attached DAR, the Institutional Signing Official provides assurance that relevant institutional policies and applicable local, state, Tribal, and federal laws and regulations, as applicable, have been followed, including IRB approval, if required. Approved Users may be required to have IRB approval if they have access to personal identifying information for research participants in the original study at their institution, or through their Collaborators. The Institutional Signing Official also assures, through the approval of the DAR, that other institutional departments with relevant authorities (e.g., those overseeing human subjects research, information technology, technology transfer) have reviewed the relevant sections of the NIH GDS Policy and the associated procedures and are in agreement with the principles defined.

The Institutional Requester acknowledges that controlled-access datasets subject to the NIH GDS Policy may be updated to exclude or include additional information. Unless otherwise indicated, all statements herein are applicable to the access and use of all versions of these datasets.

3. Public Posting of Approved Users' Research Use Statement

The Institutional Requester and the Approved Users agree that information about themselves and the approved research use will be posted publicly on the repository website. The information includes the PI's name and Institutional Requester, project name, and research use description. Citations of publications resulting from the use of controlled-access data obtained through the Data Access Request may also be posted on the repository website.

4. Non-Identification

Approved Users agree not to use controlled-access data sets obtained through the Data Access Request, either alone or in concert with any other information, to identify or contact individual participants from whom data and/or samples were collected. These provisions do not apply to the original Submitting Investigators operating with specific Institutional Review Board (IRB) or equivalent body approval, pursuant to 45 CFR 46, to contact individuals within datasets or to obtain and use identifying information under an IRB-approved research protocol. All Data Access Requesters conducting "human subjects research" within the scope of 45 CFR 46 must comply with the requirements contained therein.

5. Certificate of Confidentiality

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Certificates of Confidentiality (Certificate) protect the privacy of research participants by prohibiting disclosure of protected information for non-research purposes to anyone not connected with the research except in specific situations. The data that are stored in and shared through the data repositories accessed under this agreement are protected by a Certificate. Therefore, the Institutional Requester and the Approved User(s), whether or not funded by the NIH, who are approved to access a copy of information protected by a Certificate, are also subject to the requirements of the Certificate of Confidentiality and [subsection 301\(d\) of the Public Health Service Act](#).

Under Section 301(d) of the Public Health Service Act and the *NIH Policy for Issuing Certificates of Confidentiality*, recipients of a Certificate of Confidentiality shall not:

- Disclose or provide, in any Federal, State, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceeding, the name of such individual or any such information, document, or biospecimen that contains identifiable, sensitive information about the individual and that was created or compiled for purposes of the research, unless such disclosure or use is made with the consent of the individual whom the information, document, or biospecimen pertains; or
- Disclose or provide to any other person not connected with the research the name of such an individual or any information, document, or biospecimen that contains identifiable, sensitive information about such an individual and that was created or compiled for purposes of the research.

Disclosure is permitted only when:

1. Required by Federal, State, or local laws (e.g., as required by the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, or state laws requiring the reporting of communicable diseases to State and local health departments), excluding instances of disclosure in any Federal, State, or local civil, criminal, administrative, legislative, or other proceeding;
2. Necessary for the medical treatment of the individual to whom the information, document, or biospecimen pertains and made with the consent of such individual;
3. Made with the consent of the individual to whom the information, document, or biospecimen pertains; or
4. Made for the purposes of other scientific research that is in compliance with applicable Federal regulations governing the protection of human subjects in research.

For more information see: [Certificates of Confidentiality \(CoC\) | Grants & Funding](#)

6. Non-Transferability

The Institutional Requester and Data Access Requester agree not to retain control of NIH controlled-access datasets accessed through the request and further agree not to distribute controlled-access data to any entity or individual not identified in the approved request. If the Approved Users are provided access to controlled-access datasets for inter-institutional collaborative research described in the Research Use Statement of the Data Access Request, and all members of the collaboration are also Approved Users through their home institution(s), data obtained through the Data Access Request may be securely transmitted within the collaborative group. Each Data Access Requester and their Institutional Requester will secure the data according to the [NIH Security Best Practices for Users of Controlled-Access Data](#), the terms of this Agreement, and the Institutional Requester's IT security requirements and policies.

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The Institutional Requester and Data Access Requester acknowledge responsibility for ensuring the review and agreement to the terms within this Agreement that apply to them and the appropriate research use of controlled-access data obtained through the Data Access Request, subject to applicable laws and regulations. The Institutional Requester and Data Access Requester agree that controlled-access data obtained through the Data Access Request, in whole or in part, may not be sold to any individual at any point in time for any purpose.

The Institutional Requester must have policies and procedures to ensure that the Approved User(s) completes the Project Close-out process (See Termination and Data Destruction Provision) before moving to a new institution. If a Data Access Requester moves to a new institution without completing the Project Close-out process, the Institutional Requester must immediately notify the NIDCR FaceBase DAC so that the project may be closed out and the data are destroyed according to [NIH Security Best Practices for Users of Controlled-Access Data](#). A new Data Access Request, in which the new Institutional Requester agrees to the Data Use Certification, must be approved by the NIDCR FaceBase DAC before controlled-access data may be re-accessed by the Data Access Requester.

7. Data Security and Unauthorized Data Release

The Institutional Requester and Data Access Requester acknowledge NIH's expectation that they have reviewed and agree to manage the requested controlled-access data according to NIH's expectations set forth in the current [NIH Security Best Practices for Users of Controlled-Access Data](#) and the Institutional Requester's IT security requirements and policies.

The Institutional Requester or Data Access Requester agrees to notify the NIH Incident Response Team, the NIDCR FaceBase DAC, and the NIH Data Management Incident Notification inbox of any unauthorized data sharing, breaches of data security, or inadvertent data release that may compromise data confidentiality within 24 hours of when the incident is identified. For the NIH Incident Response Team notifications can be made by phone (301) 496-HELP (4357); Toll Free Number: (866) 319-4357 or TTY: (301) 496-8294 and can also be sent by email to NIHInfoSec@nih.gov or via the Report an Incident Link: <https://irtportal.ocio.nih.gov/>. For the NIDCR FaceBase DAC notifications can be sent by email to URGENT email inbox: nidcrufacedac@mail.nih.gov. For the NIH Data Management Incident Notification inbox, email DMI_OER@mail.nih.gov.

As permitted by law, notifications should include any known information regarding the incident and a general description of the activities or process in place to define and remediate the situation fully. Within 3 business days of the notification, the Institutional Requester or the Data Access Requester agree to submit to the NIDCR FaceBase DAC and the NIH Data Management Incident Notification inbox a detailed written report including the date and nature of the event, actions taken or to be taken to remediate the issue(s), and plans or processes developed to prevent further problems, including specific information on timelines anticipated for action. The Institutional Requester or the Data Access Requester agree to provide documentation verifying that the remediation plans have been implemented. Repeated violations or unresponsiveness to NIH requests may result in further compliance measures affecting the Institutional Requester and/or the Data Access Requester(s).

NIH, or another entity designated by NIH may, as permitted by law, also investigate any data security incident. The Institutional Requester and Data Access Requester and their associates agree to support such investigations and provide any information, within the limits of applicable local, state, Tribal, and

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federal laws and regulations. In addition, the Institutional Requester and Data Access Requester agree to work with the NIH to assure that plans and procedures that are developed to address identified problems are mutually acceptable and consistent with applicable law.

8. Terms of Access Violations

The Institutional Requester and Data Access Requester acknowledge that the NIH may terminate the Data Access Request, including this Agreement and immediately revoke or suspend the Institution's or the Data Access Requester's access to all controlled-access datasets at any time if the Institutional Requester and/or Data Access Requester is found to be no longer in compliance with the terms described in this Agreement, or the policies, principles, and procedures of NIH. NIH may apply for injunctive or other equitable relief before courts of competent jurisdiction as remedy for breach of the Agreement, in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity.

The Institutional Requester or Approved User(s) agree to notify the NIDCR FaceBase DAC, and the NIH Data Management Incident Notification inbox of any terms of access violations, hereinafter referred to as data management incidents (DMIs), within 24 hours of when the incident is identified. For the NIH Data Management Incident Notification inbox, notifications can be sent to DMI_OER@mail.nih.gov. For the NIDCR FaceBase DAC, notifications can be sent to URGENT email inbox: nidcrufacedac@mail.nih.gov. As permitted by law, notifications should include any known information regarding the incident and a general description of the activities or process in place to define and remediate the situation fully.

Within 3 business days of the notification(s), the Institutional Requester or the Data Access Requester agree to submit to the NIDCR FaceBase DAC and the NIH Data Management Incident Notification inbox a detailed written report including the date and nature of the event, actions taken or to be taken to remediate the issue(s), and plans, preventive actions or processes developed to prevent future incidents, including specific information on timelines anticipated for action. The Institutional Requester and the Data Access Requester agree to provide documentation verifying that the remediation plans have been implemented. Repeated violations or unresponsiveness to NIH requests may result in further compliance measures affecting the Institutional Requester and/or the Data Access Requester.

As outlined in Term "Data Security and Unauthorized Data Release", all notifications of unauthorized data sharing, breaches of data security, or inadvertent data releases should also be sent to the NIH Incident Response Team. For the NIH Incident Response Team, notifications can be made by phone (301) 496-HELP (4357); Toll Free Number: (866) 319-4357 or TTY: (301) 496-8294 and can also be sent by email to NIHInfoSec@nih.gov or via the Report an Incident Link: <https://irtportal.ocio.nih.gov/>.

NIH, or another entity designated by NIH may, as permitted by law, also investigate any DMI. The Institutional Requester and the Data Access Requester and their associates agree to support such investigations and provide information, within the limits of applicable local, state, Tribal, and federal laws, and regulations. In addition, the Institutional Requester and Data Access Requester agree to work with the NIH to assure that plans and procedures that are developed to address identified problems are mutually acceptable and consistent with applicable law.

9. Intellectual Property

By requesting access to dataset(s), the Institutional Requester and Approved Users acknowledge the

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intent of the NIH that anyone authorized for research access through the [Data Access Request](#) follow the intellectual property (IP) principles as summarized below:

- Achieving maximum public benefit is the ultimate goal of data distribution through the NIH controlled-access data repositories. The NIH encourages broad use of NIH controlled-access data that is consistent with a responsible approach to management of intellectual property derived from downstream discoveries and expects that the [Institutional Requestor](#) and [Approved User\(s\)](#) adhere to licensing practices consistent with the [NIH Research Tools Policy](#).

The NIH considers these data as pre-competitive and urges [Approved Users](#) to avoid making IP claims derived directly from the dataset(s). It is expected that these NIH-provided data, and conclusions derived therefrom, will remain freely available, without requirement for licensing. However, the NIH also recognizes the importance of intellectual property in promoting the development of new therapies and products; as such, there is no restriction on development of commercial products resulting from the knowledge gained from the research project. Ownership of all intellectual property generated by activities under the research project will be governed by applicable patent law.

10. Dissemination of Research Findings and Acknowledgement of Controlled-Access Data Subject to the NIH GDS Policy

It is NIH's intent to promote the dissemination of research findings from use of controlled-access data subject to the NIH GDS Policy as widely as possible through scientific publication or other appropriate public dissemination mechanisms. [Approved Users](#) are strongly encouraged to publish their results in peer-reviewed journals and to present research findings at scientific meetings.

[Approved Users](#) agree to acknowledge the [Submitting Investigator\(s\)](#) who submitted data from the original study to an NIH-designated data repository, the primary funding organization that supported the [Submitting Investigator\(s\)](#), and the NIH-designated data repository, in all oral and written presentations, disclosures, and publications resulting from any analyses of controlled-access data obtained through the attached [DAR](#). [Approved Users](#) further agree that the acknowledgment shall include the FaceBase record identifier and/or direct object identifier (DOI) to the specific version of the dataset(s) use and/or analyzed. A sample acknowledgment statement and citation instructions are provided for each dataset on the study page for the dataset(s).

11. Research Use Reporting

To assure adherence to NIH GDS Policy, the [PI](#) agrees to provide annual [Progress Updates](#) as part of the annual [Project Renewal](#) or [Project Close-out](#) processes, prior to the expiration of the one (1) year data access period. The [PI](#) who is seeking renewal or close-out of a project agree to complete the appropriate online forms and provide specific information such as how the data have been used, including publications or presentations that resulted from the use of the requested dataset(s), a summary of any plans for future research use (if the [PI](#) is seeking renewal), any violations of the terms of access described within this Agreement and the implemented remediation, and information on any downstream intellectual property generated from the data. The [PI](#) also may include general comments regarding suggestions for improving the data access process in general. Information provided in the [Progress Updates](#) helps NIH evaluate program activities and may be considered by the NIH GDS governance committees as part of NIH's effort to provide ongoing stewardship of data sharing activities subject to the NIH GDS Policy.

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12. Non-Endorsement, Indemnification

The Institutional Requester and Data Access Requester acknowledge that although all reasonable efforts have been taken to ensure the accuracy and reliability of controlled-access data accessed through the request, the NIH and Submitting Investigator(s) do not and cannot warrant the results that may be obtained by using any data included therein. NIH and all contributors to these datasets disclaim all warranties as to performance or fitness of the data for any particular purpose.

No indemnification for any loss, claim, damage, or liability is intended or provided by any party under this agreement. Each party shall be liable for any loss, claim, damage, or liability that said party incurs because of its activities under this agreement, except that NIH, as an agency of the United States, may be liable only to the extent provided under the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 USC 2671 et seq.

13. Termination and Data Destruction

Upon Project Close-out, the Institutional Requester and Data Access Requester agree to destroy all copies, versions of the dataset(s) retrieved from NIH controlled-access data repositories regardless of the storage medium or format in accord with the [NIH Security Best Practices for Users of Controlled-Access Data](#). However, the Data Access Requester may retain these data as necessary to comply with law, regulation, and government policy. A Data Access Requester who retains data for any of these purposes, and the Institutional Requester, continue to be a steward of the data and is responsible for the management of the retained data in accordance with the [NIH Security Best Practices for Users of Controlled-Access Data](#), and any institutional policies.

After termination of the approved research project, the data may not be used to answer any additional research questions, even if they are within the scope of the approved Data Access Request, unless the Data Access Requester submits a new Data Access Request and is approved by NIH to conduct the additional research. If a Data Access Requester retains data for any of these purposes, the Institutional Requester and the Data Access Requester are bound by the terms for Non-Identification, Certificate of Confidentiality, Non-transferability, Data Security and Unauthorized Data Release, Terms of Access Violations, and Termination and Data Destruction until the data is destroyed.

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14. Definitions

Approved User: A user approved by the relevant Data Access Committee(s) to access one or more datasets for a specified period of time and only for the purposes outlined in the Principal Investigator (PI)'s approved Research Use Statement. The Information Technology (IT) Director indicated on the Data Access Request, as well as any staff members and trainees under the direct supervision of the PI are also Approved Users and must abide by the terms laid out in the Data Use Certification Agreement.

Collaborator: An individual whose identity has been validated and who is a permanent employee of their institution at a level equivalent to, but not limited to, that of an academic professor (e.g., assistance, associate, or non-tenure or tenure-track professor) or senior researcher, who is not under the direct supervision of the Principal Investigator, who assists with the research project involving controlled-access data. This cannot be a lab technician or trainee, e.g., post-docs or graduate students. Internal collaborators are employees of the Institutional Requester and work at the same institution as the Data Access Requester. External collaborators are not employees of the Institutional Requester and do not work at the same location as the Data Access Requester.

Cloud Computing: The National Institute for Standards and Technology defines cloud computing as a model for enabling ubiquitous, convenient, on-demand network access to a shared pool of configurable computing resources (e.g., networks, servers, storage, applications, and services) that can be rapidly provisioned and released with minimal management effort or service provider interaction. For more information see [NIST Special Publication 800-145](#).

Cloud Service Provider (CSP): A company or institution that offers some component of cloud computing to other businesses or individual, typically Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Software as a Service (SaaS) or Platform as a Service (PaaS), as defined by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. For more information see [NIST Special Publication 800-145](#).

Data Access Request (DAR): A request submitted to an NIH Data Access Committee for a specific research use specifying the data to which access is sought, the planned research use, and the names of collaborators.

Data Access Requester: The individual who prepares and submits requests, Project Renewals, and Project close-outs. A Data Access Requester is a permanent employee of their institution at a level equivalent to, but not limited to, that of an academic professor (e.g., assistance, associate, or non-tenure or tenure-track professor) or senior researcher; has oversight responsibility for others named on the request who will be granted access to the data; and can be accountable for ensuring that all aspects of data usage align with the terms of the agreement. This cannot be a lab technician or trainee, e.g., post-docs or graduate students.

Data Derivative: Data derived from controlled-access datasets obtained from NIH-designated data repositories. Examples of derived data include imputed datasets and single nucleotide polymorphisms, or any data explicitly designated as Data Derivatives by NIH.

Data Use Certification (DUC) Agreement: Terms of access that include how the data accessed should be secured and used by the Data Access Requester, those they directly supervise, and any collaborators. The Institutional Requester, through the Institutional Signing Official (SO), and the Data Access Requester, are each signatories to the agreement and agree to adhere to terms of access.

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Genomic Data User Code of Conduct: Key principles and practices agreed to by all research investigators requesting access to controlled-access data subject to the NIH GDS Policy. The elements within the [Genomic Data User Code of Conduct](#) reflect the terms of access in the [Data Use Certification Agreement](#).

Institutional Requester: The home institution or corporation of the Data Access Requester.

Information Technology (IT) Director: An [Approved User](#) who is generally a senior IT official of the [Institutional Requester](#) with the necessary expertise and authority to affirm the IT capacities at the [Requester](#). The IT Director is expected to have the authority and capacity to ensure that the [NIH Security Best Practices for Users of Controlled-Access Data](#) and the [Institutional Requester's IT security requirements and policies](#) are followed by all of the [Institutional Requester's Approved Users](#).

Institutional Certification: Certification by the [Submitting Institution](#) that delineates, among other items, the appropriate research uses of the data and the uses that are specifically excluded by the relevant informed consent documents. Further information may be found [here](#).

Institutional Signing Official: The label, “Institutional Signing Official” refers to the individual that has institutional authority to legally bind the institution in administrative matters. The individual fulfilling this role may have any number of titles in the institution but is typically located in its Office of Sponsored Research or equivalent.

Principal Investigator (PI): An investigator who is a permanent employee of their institution at a level equivalent to a tenure-track professor or senior scientist with responsibilities that most likely include laboratory administration and oversight. Additionally, the investigator has the authority to ensure that whom they directly supervise adhere to the terms of access in this agreement.

Progress Update: Information included with the annual [Data Access Request](#) (DAR) renewal or Close-out providing a summary of research progress and citing any presentations of publications resulting from use and/or analysis of the approved controlled-access data.

Project Close-out: Termination of a research project that used controlled-access data from an NIH controlled-access data repository and confirmation of data destruction when the research is completed and/or discontinued.

Project Renewal: Renewal of a Data Access Requester's access to controlled-access datasets for a previously approved project with options to add or remove datasets, collaborators, or Key Personnel.

Research Use Statement: A summary of research intent submitted by the Data Access Requester that includes information about at least the following: research objectives, study design, and analysis plan.

Submitting Institution: The individual responsible for assuring to NIH that the data are appropriate to share as signatory to the data submission form or certification.

Submitting Investigator: The home institution or corporation of the Submitting Investigator responsible for assuring to NIH that the data are appropriate to share as a signatory to the data submission form or certification.

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Third-party IT system: A collection of computing and/or communications components and other resources that support one or more functional objectives of an organization.

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Information Technology (IT) Director:

Printed Name

Position at Institution

Signature

Date

Principal Investigator:

Printed Name

Position at Institution

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Institutional Signing Official:

Printed Name

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