The Dryad Digital Repository is a curated resource that makes the data underlying scientific and medical publications discoverable, freely reusable, and citable as well as providing a general-purpose home for a wide diversity of data.

**KEY FEATURES OF THE REPOSITORY**

- Dryad is flexible about data format, while encouraging the use and further development of community standards.
- Dryad promotes visibility by allowing data to be indexed, searched and retrieved through interfaces designed for both humans and computers.
- Dryad fits into the manuscript submission workflow of its partner journals, making data submission easy.
- Dryad gives journals the option of making data privately available during peer review and of allowing depositors to set limited-term embargoes post-publication.
- Dryad contents are free to download and have no legal barriers to reuse.
- Data in Dryad are linked both to and from the corresponding publication and, where appropriate, to and from select specialized data repositories (e.g. GenBank).
- Dryad ensures long-term preservation by migrating common file formats when older versions become obsolete.
- Dryad assigns data Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) to data so that researchers can gain professional credit through data citation.
- Depositors may update datafiles when corrections or additions are desired, without overwriting the original version linked from the article.

Dryad is a scholarly communication system in which learned societies, publishers, institutions of research and education, funding bodies, and other stakeholders collaboratively sustain and promote the preservation and reuse of data underlying the scholarly literature.
MEMBERSHIP IN DRYAD

Dryad is governed by a nonprofit membership organization. Membership is open to any stakeholder organization, including but not limited to journals, scientific societies, publishers, research institutions, libraries, and funding organizations.

Members have a say in the governance of the organization through nomination and election of its Board of Directors and voting on amendments to its Bylaws at the Annual Meeting; may receive discounts on submission fees; participate in an active knowledge sharing network; and help advance the mission of the organization.

The Annual Community Meeting in May gives members the opportunity to stay informed about new innovations in the scholarly communication of research data and to help direct the future of the organization.

There are three categories of membership to choose from (see below). Membership runs from January to December. New members may join for the current year and/or the forthcoming year. All categories may nominate candidates for the Dryad Board of Directors and cast one vote in the Board elections.

Prospective members may apply online at: http://datadryad.org/membership or direct inquiries to director@datadryad.org.

CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP

**Sustainer**
This category is designed for publishers or other organizations with an annual gross income of $10 million or more. All journals published by the member are eligible to receive a discount on pricing plans for Data Publishing Charges. Dues are $5,000 USD annually.

**Supporter**
This category is designed for smaller publishers, scholarly societies and other organizations with an annual gross income of less than $10 million. All journals published by the member are eligible to receive a discount on pricing plans for Data Publishing Charges. Dues are $1,000 USD annually.

**Affiliate**
This category is designed for all organizations that wish to support open data at Dryad, but do not need a discount on Data Publishing Charges but wish to support Dryad, participate in the Annual Community Meeting, and vote in the Dryad elections. Dues are $500 USD annually regardless of gross income.
DRYAD’S VALUE PROPOSITION

Data are the foundation of the scientific enterprise. Consequently, the community of Dryad’s stakeholders is diverse. In addition to individual researchers, educators and students, stakeholders include:

Scientific and Medical Societies
The availability of scientific data for reuse provides opportunities for researchers, educators and students to learn from and build upon the work of their predecessors. Your members can use data from Dryad for a host of different purposes: to study and validate published results, for methodology development, for meta-analyses, and to address novel questions using historic observations. Depositing data increases your members’ citations, the impact of their research, and the credibility of your discipline.

Journals and publishers
Dryad frees you from the responsibility and costs of publishing and maintaining supplemental data in perpetuity, and allows you to increase the benefits and impact of your journals to the scientific communities they serve. Data availability may increase the citations to, and prestige of, your publications.

Research institutes and libraries
Dryad provides infrastructure for the preservation and dissemination of research data both collected at your institution and of value to your patrons.

Research funding bodies
Dryad provides a cost-effective mechanism for free, long-term access to data which, in turn, enables new research. Data availability improves the rigor of the scientific record and public trust in the scientific enterprise.

DRYAD FOR JOURNALS AND PUBLISHERS

FACILITATING DATA SUBMISSION
Journal publishers are encouraged to facilitate data archiving by coordinating the submission of manuscripts with submission of data to Dryad. Dryad communicates in a lightweight and flexible way with most online manuscript processing systems, and dozens of journals have already successfully implemented Submission Integration with Dryad.

Advantages of Submission Integration include:

• Simplifying the process of data submission for authors.
• Allowing authors to deposit, to a single repository, gigabytes of data files in their original formats.
• Reducing the rate of noncompliance with journal data policy.
• The option of making data available during peer review, via secure access for editors and reviewers.
• Ensuring bidirectional links between the article and the data prior to publication.
• Ensuring that the Dryad record can be accessed at the time of online article publication.

• Authors can be given the option to delay release of data for a fixed period after article publication if consistent with journal policy, and editors may authorize custom-length data embargoes.
• Enhancing visibility of the article via linking from the independently discoverable data files.

We welcome Submission Integration for any organization that publishes a scientific journal irrespective of whether the publisher is signed up for a payment plan or is a member of Dryad.
DEPOSIT FEES

Independently of membership, publishing organizations may contract with Dryad to provide a valuable service to their authors: allowing them to deposit data without paying a deposit fee at the time of submission.

To do this, Dryad offers a variety of flexible payment plans for journals and publishers, all of which provide a volume discount. If no payment plan is in place, authors must pay a deposit fee at the time of submission, with the exception of researchers from developing countries, who may deposit data at no charge.

Please contact director@datadryad.org to discuss which payment plan would be most suitable for your journal or journals.

Our flexible pricing plans give Dryad members and non-members alike the opportunity to cover the cost of data deposit fees using a payment option suited to their individual budgets and requirements.

Pricing Plan 1: Subscription
An unlimited number of deposits are allowed from a journal (or journals) with an active Subscription Plan. The subscription fee is calculated based on the total number of research articles published by the journal(s) in the prior year, with a base fee of $25 per research article for members and $30 for non-members. The minimum contract duration is two years, which can start at any time. Submission Integration is required for subscribing journal. Excess storage fees for large data packages (see below) are charged to the depositor at the time of submission.

This option would apply to publishers, societies and associations that publish journals.

Pricing Plan 2: Deferred Payment
Under the Deferred Payment Plan, fees are invoiced for the number of data packages deposited in the previous quarter. The base fee is $70 per data package for members and $75 for non-members. Organizations must enter into a contract of at least one-year duration and may cap the number of deposits for which they are charged. Additional fees for submission integration, excess storage, or curation may be either counted against the account or charged to the depositor at the time of submission.

This option would apply to publishers, societies and associations that publish journals.

Pricing Plan 3: Vouchers
Organizations may purchase a block of vouchers for future deposits at a base fee of $65 per data package for members and $70 for non-members. The minimum purchase is 25 vouchers. Should the other fees listed below apply to an individual deposit, the organization has the option of charging the fees against the account or charging them to the depositor at the time of submission.

This option would apply to institutions, libraries, research institutes and funding bodies supporting data deposition on behalf of their researchers.
No Payment Plan: Pay on Deposit
If none of the preceding payment plans are applicable to a given deposit, a base fee of $90 is charged, payable by the depositor at the time of submission. Waivers are granted upon request for deposits originating from researchers based in countries classified by the World Bank as Low-income or Lower-middle-income economies.

SUMMARY: DRYAD PRICING PLANS

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While base deposit fees cover the entire cost of most submissions, two additional fees may be applied:

**Excess data storage**
For data packages in excess of the 10 GB size limit, a fee will be charged of $15 for the first GB and $10 for each additional GB or part thereof to cover the additional storage needs.

**Non-integrated submission**
For deposits from journals without integrated submission, a fee of $10 will be charged to cover the additional manual curation required.
## SUMMARY: DRYAD MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS

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* Journals published by a member are eligible to receive a discount on pricing plans for Data Publishing Charges, to help reduce the financial burden on any of their individual submitters.

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