Open Science Framework
Terms of Use

Version 1.0.0
OSF Terms of Use

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose
This document explains the terms of use for the Open Science Framework (OSF) platform utilized by the UBC Research Community to facilitate Open Science. It contains important information about the service and addresses appropriate usage.

1.2 Scope
This document applies to use of the services provided through the Open Science Framework (osf.io) by all UBC staff, researchers, and volunteers and the branded institutional portal of OSF that will be configured for their use.

1.3 Platform Description
OSF is a cloud-based open-source platform developed by the Center for Open Science. Data is stored at multiple locations including data centers located outside of Canada.

For information about the OSF Terms of Use, privacy and security policies, see https://github.com/CenterForOpenScience/cos.io/blob/master/TERMS_OF_USE.md

2. User Accounts

OSF User Accounts are provisioned by user request (self-service) and authentication is provided by UBC’s IAM systems using Shibboleth (ie: users authenticate using their CWL)

Researchers are not required to use OSF. Users that elect to use OSF are not required to use any or all of the options the platform provides.

3. Appropriate Use

The OSF platform is intended for collaborative research projects and dissemination of open data. The platform must not be used as a repository of work product, or as a way to share formal communications. It must not be used for instructional purposes.

For formal communications between staff, or involving external parties, a more appropriate (UBC) approved tool must be used (e.g. Skype for Business, FASmail, Confluence).

Use of the OSF must comply with UBC Policy SC14 Acceptable Use and Security of UBC Electronic Information and Systems and associated information security standards. In accordance with Information Security Standard #3: Transmission and Sharing of UBC Electronic Information, the OSF must only be used to share Low Risk UBC Electronic Information. This is information that may be freely disclosed. For more information, see Information Security Standard #1: Security Classification of UBC Electronic Information.
4. Responsibility

4.1 All Users
Must read, understand, and agree to this Terms of Use before using OSF.

5. References

UBC Policy SC14 Acceptable Use and Security of UBC Electronic Information and Systems
UBC Information Security Standards

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