



DPAU Intellectual Property Policy

This policy sets out the DPAU position on Intellectual Property (IP) within the context of DPAU project. This in no way impacts the intellectual property rights that have been set out in the Data Deposit Agreement concerning Contributing Research Studies (CRS) Data.

Please note that this policy does not demand the creation of project-specific IP for DPAU projects, but guides situations where researcher, research group, or institution IP is to be used or created.

This policy also sets out the stipulations of use and ownership of derived variables as part of a DPAU project.

Project-based Intellectual Property

Project-based Intellectual Property (IP) is defined as the intellectual property of a researcher or group of researchers that will be used or created for the purpose of carrying out research as part of a DPAU project.

All Intellectual Property Rights in the CRS Data will remain the property of the CRS.

Other IP, such as expressions, scripts, algorithms, code or any other such analytic, statistical or development tool or method used in the methodology and action of a DPAU project, should be highlighted at the appropriate stage of the project Data Access Application. In instances where there is an intention to create algorithms, code, etc, such intention should be stated as part of the methodology and planned output in the Data Access Application even if the exact nature of the IP is yet to be determined.

Such IP will always remain the property of said researcher or research group and this will not change under the terms of a DPAU project.

Researchers wishing to use or create their own IP as part of a DPAU project are however requested that their IP is made available to the DPAU research community for use on future projects, in order to facilitate situations such as replication of project analysis and general reuse for similar projects within the DPAU community. This will link to the [DPAU Publications and Acknowledgement Policy](#).

Derived variables

Derived variables are defined within DPAU as being variables created by a researcher or research group as part of a DPAU project from original DPAU CRS Data variables by using an



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expression. Such derived variables will always be owned by the data provider – in this case, DPAU CRS or other data providers to a particular project – however, the intellectual property used (expression, script etc) will be owned by the researcher or study participant. Such expressions and scripts must be provided to the data provider when creating derived variables, usually to take place once a project has been completed. Persisted derived variables whose results are designed to form part of the original source data must also be fed back to the data provider. For the avoidance of doubt, DPAU Users who have generated new data variables as a result of their access to CRS data shall not have Intellectual Property Rights in the arising data variables. If a data provider or any other researcher uses the derived variables, expressions, scripts etc for their own future work, whether within DPAU or outside of DPAU, they are obligated to acknowledge the author of these in their future results and publications.

Contact information

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