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Open, restricted or non-existent?

Data sharing practices by postgraduate researchers at the University of Southampton

Why this study?

Data sharing benefits every stage of research. Library research data management (RDM) training often focuses on postgraduate researchers (PGRs).

Does that training shape good RDM practice?

Study Scope

2022–2026

PhD theses awarded by the University of Southampton

Doctoral theses and datasets deposited in ePrints Soton

Research questions

01 How common are data deposits and sharing?

02 What is the most common reason for missing data?

03 Is access open or restricted?

04 How do practices differ by discipline?

05 Do Library interventions encourage more data deposits and sharing?

How we'll use the results

Discipline-specific trends

Identify patterns in RDM practices.

Effective Library interventions

Pinpoint support that improves deposit and sharing rates.

Focused PGR training

Identify priorities for further Library training in RDM.

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