

Exploring Responsible Data Sharing Ethics in Research

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What's a research worthy of, if not published and shared?

While data sharing is crucial in expanding research horizons, authors have been apprehensive in sharing their research data publicly due to the risk of violating privacy and misusing pertinent research analyses. Despite evolving privacy regulations, the propensity of data breaches in the scholarly community cannot be denied. Although, the benefits of data sharing may seem difficult to quantify, it significantly outweighs the risks by contributing hugely not only to current scientists, but also to scientists of future. Following ethics and diminishing misconduct form the basis of reliable scholarly publishing. Therefore, it is imperative for researchers to abide by norms of scientific publishing while reporting and sharing research data.

In the recently held annual meeting by the Council of Science Editors, panelists Shelley Stall, Matthew Cannon, and Trevor Lane shared insights based on real-life examples of ethical data sharing practices. The meeting proceedings reported by Simona Fernandes, gives an overview on the benefits associated with ethical data sharing practices and how the scholarly publishing industry must deal with data sharing infringement.

Read this informative [annual meeting proceedings](#) and learn about the ethics of data sharing!

Let us know how you'd deal with unethical data sharing practices in the comments section below!

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