

Data Availability and Research Transparency Policy

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When you submit a paper to the International Review of Public Policy and Administration, it is understood that the data and materials underlying the research are accurate, transparent, and available for verification where appropriate.

Principles

The journal supports:

- Transparency in reporting methods, data, and analysis
- Reproducibility of research findings
- Accountability for the accuracy and integrity of data
- Accessibility of data where ethically and legally permissible

Data Availability

Authors are required to include a Data Availability Statement in all submissions.

The statement should specify:

- Whether supporting data are available
- Where and how the data can be accessed
- Any conditions or restrictions on access

Manuscripts without a Data Availability Statement may be returned prior to review.

Data Sharing

Authors are encouraged to:

- Deposit data in recognised repositories
- Provide persistent identifiers such as DOIs or URLs
- Share supplementary materials, including data files, code, and research instruments

Data should be provided in accessible and usable formats.

Types of Statements

Data Availability Statements may include:

- Open data available in a repository
- Data available upon reasonable request
- No data generated or analysed
- Data subject to third-party restrictions

Data Integrity

Authors must ensure that:

- Data are accurate and complete
- No fabrication, falsification, or manipulation has occurred
- Data processing methods are clearly described

The journal may request supporting data where necessary.

Ethical and Legal Requirements

Data sharing must comply with:

- Ethical standards for research
- Privacy and confidentiality requirements
- Applicable legal and institutional regulations

Where data cannot be shared, the reason should be clearly stated.

Methodological Transparency

Authors are expected to provide sufficient detail regarding:

- Research design
- Data collection procedures
- Analytical methods

This allows the research to be evaluated and, where possible, replicated.

Software and Code

Where applicable, authors are encouraged to provide access to:

- Code or algorithms used in analysis
- Relevant software tools

Such materials should be properly documented and cited.

Editorial Oversight

The Journal Editor may:

- Assess the adequacy of data availability statements
- Request clarification or additional documentation
- Verify the accessibility of data

Failure to comply may result in delays or rejection.

Post-Publication

Authors should ensure continued availability of data where applicable.

If issues arise, authors must inform the Journal Editor and cooperate in any review.

The journal may take appropriate action to maintain the integrity of the scholarly record.

Exceptions

Exceptions to data sharing may apply in cases involving:

- Confidential or sensitive data
- Legal or regulatory restrictions
- Third-party ownership

Such cases must be clearly justified.

Record-Keeping

Data availability statements and related documentation are recorded and retained for verification and audit purposes.

Compliance

Authors are expected to comply with accepted standards of research transparency and scholarly publishing.

Declaration

By submitting a manuscript to IRPPA, authors confirm that they have complied with this policy and that their research is transparent, verifiable, and conducted in accordance with accepted academic standards.

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