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What **should** be shared through figshare for Institutions?

Any of the raw material used for your research whether it be sensor data, species lists, genome sequences, text, images, or video.

Everyone has data, not just the sciences. If you do research, you have data.

Figshare is file-format agnostic, however some types of research data are more appropriate for figshare than others. Figshare is great for:

- data that underlie peer-reviewed publications
- data that are (mostly) complete and self contained, e.g., a set of tabular files containing sensor monitoring data for a specific time period with accompanying images of monitored plots
- data for ongoing research that periodically needs to be shared

What should **not** be deposited in figshare for Institutions.

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- Content with **rare, threatened or endangered species** locality or collector information
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How to get an account



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Get started

⚠ Check out the [How-to guides](#) for step-by-step instructions and tips on using figshare.

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