

JSPS Repository Operational Guidelines

Presidential Decision

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1. Purpose

The repository of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (hereinafter referred to as "JSPS") is intended to electronically store and make available via networks the open data derived from JSPS operational data obtained in the course of its operations, excluding research data, scholarly publications, and other research outputs generated through research activities funded by JSPS.

By making such open data publicly accessible, the repository aims not only to provide broad public access to information on research funding provided through JSPS using public funds, but to promote open access¹ that facilitates diverse, multifaceted, and interdisciplinary research and analysis across a wide range of research communities.

These Guidelines prescribe the matters necessary for the operation of the repository in order to achieve these objectives.

2. Scope of Data Stored in the Repository

The repository shall contain operational data held by JSPS that are made available as open data and the metadata describing such data (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "public data"), provided that they satisfy all of the following conditions:

- (1) They may be reused for both commercial and non-commercial purposes;
- (2) They are provided in a machine-readable format;² and
- (3) They are available free of charge.

3. Handling of Public Data

JSPS shall handle public data as follows:

- (1) Public data shall be reproduced and stored on the server hosting the repository.
- (2) Such reproductions shall be made publicly available free of charge through networks.
- (3) Copies may be made as necessary for the purposes of use and preservation.
- (4) Copies may be provided for the purpose of interoperability with various internal and external systems.

¹ "Open access" means making scholarly information freely accessible and reusable by anyone via networks.

² "Machine-readable" means that computer programs can automatically process, edit, or otherwise manipulate the data.

4. Modification or Removal of Public Data

Where JSPS determines that there are unavoidable and legitimate grounds for doing so, it may modify or remove public data without prior notice.

5. Copyright in Public Data

Copyright in the public data shall belong to JSPS.

6. Use of Public Data

Users of the public data shall comply with the following conditions:

- (1) Compliance with the requirements of the Copyright Act.
- (2) Users shall not conduct excessive automated searches or downloads, including by means of web crawlers³, link prefetching functions⁴, or similar technologies, that impose an undue burden on the server hosting the repository.
- (3) Users shall refrain from any other conduct that may interfere with the operation of the repository. Unless otherwise specified, the public data shall be used in accordance with the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International (CC BY 4.0) License⁵.

7. Disclaimer

JSPS makes no representations or warranties whatsoever regarding the accuracy, completeness, or fitness for any particular purpose of the public data.

JSPS shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or other disadvantage arising from the use of the public data.

8. Administrative Office

Administrative affairs relating to the operation of the repository shall be handled by the Science Information Office of JSPS.

9. Miscellaneous

Any matters necessary for the operation of the repository that are not provided for in these Guidelines shall be prescribed separately.

Supplementary Provision

These Guidelines shall come into effect on June 12, 2026.

³ A program that automatically crawls websites on the Internet to collect and index information for search engines.

⁴ A browser function that preloads linked webpages or resources in advance to improve page loading performance.

⁵ <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/legalcode.en>