

Which criteria are important when choosing a repository?

Suitability for your data type

Discipline-specific repositories often offer better ways to share data. You might check the following:

- Does the repository support subject-specific file formats?
- Can project-specific data structures be preserved (e.g., linguistic corpora or brain imaging data structure BIDS)?

Discoverability

Easy discoverability increases the chance of being cited more often. Check the following:

- How detailed is the metadata?
- How searchable is the repository?
- Is the repository open to all, or is it restricted to members of one institution? Do you need an account?
- Does the repository assign a persistent identifier (e.g. doi, handle)?
- As an author, can I include my ORCID ID?

Conformity with your research funder's requirements

Your research funder may have certain requirements.

- For example, the SNSF requires that the repository is compatible with the FAIR principles. The guidelines for this can be found on the UB website.
- Note: The SNF supports the preparation of data with up to CHF 10'000, if you choose a non-commercial repository. Wages can also be paid with this.
- Check the financial aspects of the repository to ensure that it will be operated in the long term. You can find details on the provider's website.

Interfaces to other platforms

Depending on the type of data, you may benefit if the repository interfaces with other platforms, e.g. to github (e.g. zenodo).