# Using the Open Science Framework

**Enhancing Your Research Projects** 

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Examine the Open Science Framework (OSF) tool within the context of open science best practices

Explore the features of OSF and its capabilities

Use case studies to demonstrate how OSF can be used in practice

Highlight the advantages and disadvantages of using OSF

# **Open Science AKA...**

# **Open Science** Equity Citizen Science **Open Access** Open Data **Open Research Open Education Open Source**

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# Why does this matter?

Improve transparency, reproducibility, and reuse of research

Avoid duplication of efforts

Increase the potential for collaboration

Make publicly-funded research products openly accessible



# **OSF: Open Science by Design**



# Poll:

Have you ever pre-registered a research project before you started working on it?

# Poll:

Have you ever openly shared your methods, protocols, instruments, or tools before publication?

# Poll:

Have you ever shared your research data before or after publication?

## **OSF** Features

# Open Science Framework



Register your work

Organize projects

Manage collaborators

Utilize version control

Connect to well-known tools

Share your work

But first! The basics.

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# Key OSF Features

# Open Science Framework



Register your work

Organize projects

Manage collaborators

Utilize version control

Connect to well-known tools

Share your work

#### Register your work

#### **Preregistration:**

Make your hypothesis, analysis plan, and/or your entire project public before peer review

Creates a timestamped immutable version of your project

Improves transparency, reproducibility, and discoverability of your research

Can develop brand registries for an entire research community (fee-based)

#### Public registration 🔻

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#### Sampling Plan

**Study Information** 

reporting of studies?

**Research Questions** 

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Existing Data

Registration prior to creation of data

Explanation of existing data

Not applicable

#### Data collection procedures

We randomly selected a total of 106 registrations from two sets of pre-registrations:

- 53 public OSF Standard Pre-Data Collection Registrations
- 53 public COS Prereg Challenge registrations

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**Registration type** 

Prereg Challenge

Date registered

September 14, 2016

Date created September 2, 2016

Registered from osf.io/emh59

Category O Uncategorized

Publication DOI https://doi.org/10.31234/osf.io/cdgyh

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#### Organize projects

Can group files and content into specific sections called "Components"

Components serve as sub-categories within a hierarchical project structure

Components become their own independent projects

Each Component can have specific collaborators

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## Manage collaborators

Assign different permission levels for contributors to a project

All contributors must have an OSF account

Can decide whether or not to include collaborators as "Bibliographic Contributors"


## Utilize version control

#### **OSF Storage:**

- 5 GB for private projects
- 50 GB for public projects

Track all versions of files that utilize OSF-specific storage

Must upload files with the **same name** and within the **same folder** on OSF

Activity log tracks every change made to an OSF project



## Connect to well-known tools

OSF syncs with many other tools that are used to find, store, and analyze data

Can import data from any of the tools shown

Changes made in those tools will be reflected on OSF



#### Share your work

Can share any type of research output

OSF provides the ability to assign digital object identifiers (DOIs) to projects

Can apply a license to projects to dictate terms of use

All projects are citable in any format

A pre-print server is available to publish research before peer review



OSF Demo



### Case Study 1: My Research

Study: Analyze CIHR-funded publications to scope the landscape of data sharing practices.



### Case Study 2: Software Project

**Project:** Develop software to make research data more discoverable for the purpose of widespread implementation. **Project Description and Marketing** 

Code from GitHub

Documentation

**Publications and Presentations** 



### Pros & Cons of OSF

#### PROS

- A one-stop-shop for making your project open
- Intuitive, flexible, and easy to use
- Ability to apply DOIs and licenses to projects
- Easily manage collaborators and project components
- Version control and free storage capacity a big plus

#### CONS

- Requires adaptation from most research workflows
- Analytics are poor
- Working with add-ons make versioning unstable
- Discoverability of projects not as good as it could be



OSF is one of the only tools that enables open science practices at every stage of the research process

Useful as a sharing or project management tool

Ideal if you want to make research products open, control terms of use, and have your work cited

Before using OSF, seriously consider your research needs and workflows

### Poll:

# Would the Open Science Framework suit your research needs?



Open Science Framework Guides: <u>https://help.osf.io/hc/en-us</u>

OSF 101: https://youtu.be/dLEIhJESIQA

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