SIGMA XI POSTDOC SURVEY DATA SHARING AGREEMENT

In consideration of the sharing of data from the Sigma Xi Postdoc Survey, I agree to abide by all of the Data Sharing Policies that apply to researchers and teams of researchers as set out below. If I am using data as part of a team of researchers, I warrant that I am authorized to enter into this agreement on behalf of the team of researchers. I accept responsibility for the security of the data entrusted to me, and I am aware of the liabilities I am assuming by the use of this data. I agree to hold Sigma Xi harmless for any breach of security by me or anyone on the team of researchers authorized to use this data.

Signature: ______________________________________________________

Printed or Typed Name: ____________________________________________

Title/Position: ____________________________________________________

Date: ____________________________________________________________

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A researcher interested in using data collected as part of the Sigma Xi Postdoc Survey will be required to submit a proposal as described in Section A below. After Sigma Xi approves the proposal and before delivery of the data, the researcher(s) will evidence a commitment to these Data Sharing Policies by signing the Data Sharing Agreement above. Any people added to the project after delivery of the data will sign agreements that must be delivered to Sigma Xi within 30 days after the person has exposure to the data.

A. PROPOSAL

Each researcher or team of researchers must submit to Sigma Xi a brief proposal that outlines the proposed use of the data. The proposal must include the following information:

1. Names, affiliations and contact information for all individuals who will handle or see the data.
2. A description of the research that explains the context in which the data will be used, why the data is needed, and what the data is intended to show.
3. A dissemination plan for the research (copies required once published), including a list of the individuals or groups that will receive results.
4. A timeline, including a date by which the data will be destroyed.

B. USING DATA
Pursuant to these policies as ratified by the signed agreement, data may not be used for any purpose other than that as described in the proposal (see Section A) and approved by Sigma Xi.

1. The data will be used only for the purpose specified in the proposal and shall not be sold or shared for any other study or purpose.
2. The data will be held in strict confidence.
3. Data may not be used to contact subjects or their mentors, peers or families.

C. DELIVERY AND STORAGE OF DATA
1. Data will be delivered to a designated researcher in 'public-use' form, meaning that all personal and institutional identifying information will be removed. For example, specific institutional affiliations will be replaced by institution types (instead of ‘University of Michigan’ data will read ‘Major Research University’). The data will consist of answers to multiple choice questions, and potentially to coded values of "Other, specify" questions, but will not include the raw text from free text responses or from "Other, specify" questions.
2. Data will be delivered electronically. Data must be stored in encrypted form on a secure server. Sigma Xi reserves the right to audit security arrangements.
3. On or by the pre-determined date, data must be destroyed by erasure of all computer files containing the data and physical destruction of any hard copies of the data.

D. SECURITY
The researcher or team of researchers is responsible for the security of the data. The user will hold Sigma Xi harmless for any breach of security by the user.

E. DISSEMINATION OF RESULTS
1. Reports, summaries and analyses will be published in such a way as to preclude identification of individuals.
2. Results will be disseminated only to groups/publications identified in the proposal.
3. Copies of all published reports will be provided to Sigma Xi within 30 days after publication.
4. References will include acknowledgment to the Sigma Xi Postdoc Survey, funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, http://postdoc.sigmaxi.org.