

Vivli Policies in Brief

Please find below a synopsis of the key policies that govern the interactions between researchers and data contributors during the lifecycle of a research proposal. Please see the Vivli website, vivli.org, particularly the resources section, for a comprehensive overview of Vivli's policies and procedures.

1. Policies regarding new proposals

A. Data Use Agreement-- All Data Requestors requesting data must execute the [Data Use Agreement](#) (DUA). The DUA is the product of extensive negotiation with the organizations that contribute data to Vivli. This agreement is non-negotiable. If granted access to the data, it is for the express purpose outlined in the research proposal. Any changes to that proposal will require re-review and approval by the data contributors involved.

B. Qualified Statistician—All research teams submitting a Vivli data request must include a qualified statistician. The statistician must have a degree in statistics, or similar field, or publications relevant to the proposed research where the individual conducted the statistical analysis.

C. Publication Plan--The dissemination plan must include a definitive statement to publish and disseminate your findings to contribute to furthering scientific knowledge.

2. Policies regarding ongoing proposals

A. Data Request Major Changes-- Any of the following changes will require a re-review.

- I. Change to Primary Investigator (including change to PI's affiliation)
- II. Change to Lead Statistician (including change to affiliation)
- III. Adding or Removing Studies
- IV. Change to Statistical Analysis Plan
- V. Change to the Conflict of Interest Statement

B. Request to Add Studies after Approval -- Once a request has been approved and the DUA executed, a team may request addition of studies one time. We will make an exception if a new member joins Vivli; studies from that new member may be added.

C. Queueing system--To meet its mission, Vivli needs to ensure equitable use of its limited resources to support all researchers in accessing data. Therefore, Vivli has activated a queueing process to ensure equitable distribution of resources. Teams with 3 or more active requests in the Vivli platform will be placed in an internal queue system. No subsequent requests or enquiries will be prioritized until those active requests move forward to completion (defined as manuscript review stage). Once an active request has a publication in the manuscript review stage, additional enquiries about data and a subsequent request will advance in the internal queue and will be actively moved forward.

3. Policies regarding enquiries

Enquiries-- If submitting [enquiries](#) about multiple studies, a research team must wait for all enquiries to be resolved before submitting a data request.