

SOSCIP Terms of Use

General Principles

SOSCIP facilities are provided for the benefit of the research and development community. Users are responsible for ensuring that their use of the facilities conforms to ethical standards, respects all laws, and is consistent with the platform-specific Terms of Use.

Platform-specific Terms of Use

In the first instance, your rights and responsibilities are defined by each platform's terms of use, as set by the organizations which host and manage those platforms.

For the **Cloud** and **Agile** systems: [SHARCNET](#)
For the **Blue Gene/Q**: [SciNet](#)
For the **Large Memory System**: [CAC](#)

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Protection of Data

Your data and backups are stored in Canada. All aspects of data management (including, but not limited to, access control, duration of storage, destruction protocol, requests to have data removed, ownership and confidentiality of data, etc.) will follow prevailing industry best practices, as determined from time to time by the platform system administrators.

Your data will be stored and protected for the duration of your SOSCIP project, which is typically two years. At the end of the project, you are responsible for safeguarding your data and deleting it from SOSCIP systems. Depending on circumstances, alternate arrangements may be made with the hosting institutions to accommodate the storage of the data.

1. Who can access data associated with my project?

Anyone on your SOSCIP project team who has a registered account with the network (SciNet, SHARCNET, CAC) can access your team's data.

2. How long is data stored?

Data is stored for the duration of the project (typically two years) unless your project team requests deletion sooner.

3. How are requests for data removal dealt with?

Data will be removed on demand. The platform technical teams always confirm deletion requests with the project's Principal Investigator before deleting any data.

4. How is confidentiality handled?

All data remains confidential to the project team.

Acknowledging SOSCIP

When SOSCIP resources are used to produce results that are published in the literature, we ask that you acknowledge SOSCIP using the following text:

“Computations were performed on the SOSCIP Consortium’s [Blue Gene/Q, Cloud Data Analytics, Agile and/or Large Memory System] computing platform(s). SOSCIP is funded by the Federal Economic Development Agency of Southern Ontario, the Province of Ontario, IBM Canada Ltd., Ontario Centres of Excellence, Mitacs and 15 Ontario academic member institutions.”