

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

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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. 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.

Acknowledging SOSCIP

When SOSCIP resources are used to produce results that are published in the literature, the authors must acknowledge SOSCIP using the following text:

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