Waseda University Research Data Management and Publishing Policy

Waseda University (the "University") holds as its founding principles the preservation of the independence of scholarship, the promotion of the practical application of scholarship, and the fostering of good citizens. The University has, in accordance with the founding principles, engaged in research activities that uphold the lofty ideals of scholarship, with the aim of contributing to the well-being of mankind and world peace. The University recognizes its duty to further advance its research activities and to respond to the social demand for open science. This entails the appropriate management of its research data, which can serve as a cornerstone for its research activities, and the development of a framework for publishing and effectively using such research data, in line with the founding principles. Therefore, the University has established its policy to appropriately manage, publish, and effectively use its research data as follows.

1. Definition of research data
The term "research data" as used in this Policy is defined as data collected or generated by researchers in the course of or as a result of their research activities.

2. Management of research data
Researchers appropriately manage their research data in compliance with international standards, applicable laws and regulations in Japan and other countries, the University's rules and regulations, and joint research agreements, among other things, taking into account the characteristics of their respective research fields.

3. Publication and effective use of research data
Researchers publish and promote the effective use of the research data held by them to the extent possible, taking into account the characteristics of their respective research fields, unless it is restricted by international standards, applicable laws and regulations in Japan and other countries, the University's rules and regulations, and joint research agreements, among other things.

4. The University's duty
The University has a duty to create and maintain an environment that allows researchers to appropriately manage, publish, and effectively use their research data.

5. Reviews of this Policy

The University reviews this Policy from time to time in response to changes in the social situation and the environment surrounding its research activities.