

# Google Workspace Changes Research Data Storage Service

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## Solution Overview

The *Research Data Storage Service* is a solution developed in direct response to feedback gathered from researchers and research leaders across the University. It serves as a step towards providing the University of Alberta with a more robust data storage ecosystem. It also aligns with the strategic course of action to “Support Researchers with Tools and Infrastructure” found in *Forward with Purpose*. The Research Data Storage Service was developed to house research data sustainably and securely. Means and methods to access as well as costing of the service are being finalized and will be shared once ready.



## Advantages

- Fast download and upload speeds
- Scalable to meet future storage requirements
- Supports large files and data sets
- Secure and shared access via CCID login
- Sustainable service hosted locally by UofA

## Usage Considerations

- Storage is limited + must be managed responsibly
- Access and sharing within UofA network only
- Simultaneous file editing unavailable

## Looking Forward:

### Research Storage Alternatives

The Research Data Storage Service is one part of a broader strategic plan to organize, build, and deliver a secure Digital Ecosystem for the University of Alberta that will support the technology needs of teaching, learning, research, and administration.

