

Agreement – SLOSH data recipients at Swedish universities other than SU

SLOSH contains highly sensitive data on individuals, material that is also to a large extent protected by secrecy. All users are obliged to follow both Swedish law and regulations as well as local policies regarding how to handle SLOSH data. Please note that:

1. Data are provided based on an approved data application and for a specific research purpose, normally the analyses needed for one original research article in a peer-reviewed scientific journal of good standing. If you plan more than one paper, you should normally apply for more datasets unless special permission is given. Datasets may be updated with additional variables that are needed for the current analyses.

2. In order to obtain the data, your project or university needs to pay the fee for processing the application and extract the data, as described on www.slosh.se

3. The data should be used within the agreed time frame, normally 3 years, after which we encourage that you delete all copies of the dataset, unless otherwise instructed by your university. A copy of the dataset will be archived by the SLOSH team. If you need to use the data longer, you can apply for an extension of this suggested deadline. If the journal requires that you provide a copy, or if you otherwise want to cater for replication of your analyses, we suggest that you follow the guidelines on https://slosh.se/for-researchers-in-english/introduction

4. Your organisation becomes responsible for the data once it is delivered, and it is extremely important that you follow the security guidelines of your organisation. Please note that statistical confidentiality according to Chapter 24, Section 8 of the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act is carried over to your organisation.

5. It is absolutely forbidden to disclose any information about individual persons gleaned from the data. All attempts to backwards identify the data or combine them with other data are forbidden and may be prosecuted according to criminal law. Only the results of statistical analyses where no individual can possibly be identified may be used outside of your organisation's secure computer environment.

6. Only analyses that are covered by an ethical permission provided by the Swedish Ethics Review Authority according to Swedish law should be performed, unless the analyses are such that they do not require ethical permission according to Swedish law. Research performed outside of Sweden may need local ethical permission. Please note that while the SLOSH project does have ethical permission, no research that is not directly commissioned by the PI of SLOSH can be performed based on that permission; i.e. a separate permission must be obtained for all external projects.

7. Your organisation may allow colleagues to access and use all or parts of the data, provided that they have need of those data in their employment, normally as co-workers in your research project. Before getting access to the date, all such individuals should be made aware of the content of this agreement, preferably by signing a similar document. Disclosing the data to

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individuals outside of the organisation may, however, constitute a breach of one or more applicable laws.

8. All employees of Swedish universities are obliged to secrecy in relation to sensitive data according to Swedish law. These obligations regarding secrecy extend also beyond the employment ends as per Swedish law.

9. We suggest that you include at least one of the core members of the SLOH group as a coauthor on papers based on data from SLOSH in order to ensure correct understanding of the data.

By signing this document, I, as PI of the study for which SLOSH data are obtained, declare that:

- I have read and understood the rules specified above and agree to follow them,
- I have also read and understood the full text regarding access to SLOSH data available at the SLOSH website www.slosh.se
- I am aware that the fact that SLOSH data are protected under the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Swedish Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act (2009:400) and that all data are bound to secrecy,
- I will under no circumstances use the data for any other purpose that scientific research in adherence with ethical rules and guidelines,
- I will not publish any information that will make the identification of individuals possible,
- I will only use the provided data for the analyses that are specifically covered by the ethical approval,
- I will inform the SLOSH team of all publications relating to SLOSH data,
- I will also inform the SLOSH team of change in PI/contact person and/or of the department at which the work is carried out,
- I will ensure that any other person who gets access to the data within my organisation is made aware of the content of this agreement,
- I will not copy, disclose or give access to the data or any part thereof to any third party,
- In case of a breach of security of any kind related to the data, including theft of data media, I will immediately inform both the SLOSH team and appropriate functions at my university.

Place	day/month/year
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