

Rules and Regulations on System Resources of IREI's Data Cloud

1. General

1.1 The resources provided by the Icelandic Research e-Infrastructure (IREI) are available to Icelandic universities and governmental research institutes. Scientists in independent research institutes located in Iceland may also gain access, provided that their research is funded by public grants.

1.2 The expert panel of IREI is the governing body of the resource and makes decisions relevant to its infrastructure, access for new users, renewal of the current regulation and policies, and so forth.

2. Access

Access to the resources provided by IREI is granted by two different means:

2.1 By cooperation through the Infrastructure Fund (the Icelandic Centre for Research), in which each party (i.e. applicant and co-applicants) can propose one (or more) representative(s) to the expert panel.

2.2 By web application (sent to "irei@hi.is" or submitted via <https://www.irei.is/#/applications>). Applications are accepted or rejected by the expert panel. Access granted by this method is tied to a research project with an estimated end date, but can never exceed three (3) years. Near the end date, the PI can apply for renewal.

In both cases, access is available for as long as the formal cooperation or project is active. At the end of the cooperation or project, all relevant user accounts and scientific data are subject to the general resource policies on deletion of accounts and data.

3. Resource Policies

General resource policies are implemented to ensure a healthy and efficient data storage environment for all users. This includes rules on account and data deletion, and on storage and management of data. These policies are to be strictly adhered to and are enforced by the IREI administrators.

Detailed rules on storage quotas, extensions, inactive accounts, shared/project data, sharing, backups, and account/data offboarding are set out in the **Resource Policy – IREI Cloud Storage** document.

Requests regarding renewal or extension of access are reviewed upon request. Requests for storage of (large) data can be applied for and are reviewed by the expert panel.

4. Access by a Third Party

4.1 High schools, university colleges, and other educational parties at these levels and below will not be granted access to the resources provided by IREI. This applies regardless of whether these institutes/schools are in cooperation with higher educational parties/institutes that do have access.

4.2 Foreign universities or institutes will not be granted access to IREI's data storage. This applies regardless of whether they are in cooperation with Icelandic educational parties or institutes that do have access.

4.3 Students from foreign institutions participating in a collaborative project with Icelandic research institutes and an associated PI can be granted guest access upon request, limited to six (6) months at a time.

5. Interpretation

If there is any confusion or disagreement about the understanding of the above regulations, the interpretation should be made in the stricter sense (i.e. the interpretation should be such that it will restrict access rather than allow it).

6. Review

The current regulations and resource policies will be reviewed once a year by the expert panel.