

## Policy for the Management of Research Data at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University

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Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University (APU) was founded as a place of intellectual creativity where young people from countries and regions around the world, who will inherit the future, gather to study and live together, understand each other's cultures and customs, and work towards common goals for humanity, based on the basic principles of “Freedom, Peace and Humanity”, “International Mutual Understanding” and “Creating a Future for the Asia Pacific”.

APU is also a hub for research activities by researchers from all over the world and regions. The following Research Data Policy has been established with the aim of collecting and sharing the results of such research with the world and society at large, and of appropriately managing and utilizing research data for the further development of research.

### **(Definition of Research Data)**

1. Research data covered by this policy refers to data collected or generated by researchers during their research activities at APU, whether digital or not.

### **(Management of Research Data)**

2. The researcher who collects or generates the research data is responsible for how it is managed and made available for public access and use, within the limits of the law, the regulations of Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, the Ritsumeikan Trust and other equivalent regulations, and provided that the rights and legal interests of others are not adversely affected.

### **(Duties of the Researcher)**

3. Within the scope of the preceding paragraph, the researcher shall properly manage the research data, share it with the public and allow for its public use whenever possible.

### **(Duties of the University)**

4. APU shall provide researchers with an environment that supports the management, publication and utilization of research data.

### **(Amendments to the Policy)**

5. This policy shall be reviewed in response to any relevant changes in the social and academic environment.