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The Health Research Board as many other funders recognises that (1) research data are an important and expensive output of the scholarly research process across all disciplines, (2) the importance of data sharing and reuse and (3) the need to properly manage research data and maximise their availability with as few restrictions as possible.

Funding agencies are drivers in creating FAIR research data. They do this by setting requirements for grant applications and awards, thereby guiding researchers towards state of art principles, tools, good research practices, and metrics. They can (1) influence the quality of how research data are managed during research projects and also following their completion, as well as (2) promote the use best practices and standards in research communities.

However, in practice, it is a very complex effort that depends on many other players in the research environment, such as the presence of expertise among researchers and support staff at research institutes, data services and research infrastructures, and financial resources. Also the funders are not sufficiently equipped for guiding, reviewing and monitoring research data management and stewardship.

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