

# Data Storage Finder

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## Filters

### Data classification

Nothing selected

### Data sharing

Nothing selected

### Data volume

Nothing selected

### Features

Nothing selected

## Selected options

### Research Drive

Storage and sharing service with a specific focus on research data.

Research Drive enables you to easily store and share files with other users, inside and outside the VU.

Please note: storing data with a 'high' classification in Research Drive is permissible, but may require taking extra security measures. Please get in touch with the Research Data Management Support Desk via [rdm@vu.nl](mailto:rdm@vu.nl) if you want to store high-classification data in Research Drive.

[More info](#)

<b>Max. storage size:</b>	Terabytes of data <500 GB: free of charge
<b>Costs:</b>	500 GB - 2 TB: €200 per year >2 TB: €200 + €250 for every TB above 2 TB
<b>Sharing and collaboration:</b>	With anyone
<b>Location:</b>	SURFsara (NL)
<b>File recovery:</b>	Via versioning, Deleted files or file restore request
<b>Data classification:</b>	Medium, but with additional steps: High
<b>Additional information:</b>	-

## SciStor

On-campus storage for research data.

Besides basic storage, SciStor is best suited for over-the-network use with lab instruments and high-performance computing (HPC/ADA), either via SMB or NFS.

[More info](#)

<b>Max. storage size:</b>	Terabytes of data
<b>Costs:</b>	€0,16 per GB per year for reserved space, with file recovery
<b>Sharing and collaboration:</b>	VU employees and students, only employees can apply for a project folder
<b>Location:</b>	VU Campus (NL)
<b>File recovery:</b>	Via file restore request or versioning
<b>Data classification:</b>	High
<b>Additional information:</b>	-

## Yoda

Securely deposit, share, publish and preserve research data during all stages of a research project.

YODA is a platform that supports research data management throughout the entire research cycle: from safe and easy storage and sharing of data during the research process, to sharing of data within research groups and projects and, ultimately, to research data archiving and publication.

[More info](#)

<b>Max. storage size:</b>	Terabytes of data <500 GB: free of charge
<b>Costs basic storage:</b>	500 GB - 2 TB: €200 per year >2TB: €200 + 250 for every TB above 2 TB <500 GB: free of charge
<b>Costs archiving:</b>	500 GB - 2TB: €25 per year >2TB: €25 + €25 for every TB above 2 TB Archiving will be billed for a 10-year period
<b>Sharing and collaboration:</b>	With anyone
<b>Location:</b>	SURFsara (NL)
<b>File recovery:</b>	Via versioning or file restore request
<b>Data classification:</b>	High
<b>Additional information:</b>	-

## OneDrive

Personal cloud storage, securely store and share files with anyone, access from anywhere.

Because this is personal storage, this is usually **not** the preferred storage for research data. OneDrive for Business is part of VU Microsoft 365 cloud and is available for employees and students. Please note that this is personal storage that is linked to the existence of your account at the VU. If you leave, your data in OneDrive also disappear.

Therefore, OneDrive is **not** a good solution to store your research data.

[More info](#)

<b>Max. storage size:</b>	1TB
<b>Costs:</b>	None
<b>Sharing and collaboration:</b>	With anyone
<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Cloud (EU)
<b>File recovery:</b>	Via versioning or Recycle Bin
<b>Data classification:</b>	Medium
<b>Additional information:</b>	-

## Microsoft Sharepoint (Teams)

File storage, sharing and collaboration in the VU Microsoft 365 cloud. This is not always the best solution to store research data.

Microsoft 365 cloud storage and collaboration.

Although the classification for Sharepoint is High, this is not always the best location to store your data, as this application was not designed for research data.

[More info](#)

<b>Max. storage size:</b>	1TB, up to 25TB
<b>Costs:</b>	None
<b>Sharing and collaboration:</b>	With anyone (A Microsoft account may be required.)
<b>Location:</b>	Microsoft Cloud (EU)
<b>File recovery:</b>	Via versioning or Recycle Bin
<b>Data classification:</b>	Medium
<b>Additional information:</b>	-

## Google Drive VU

Google Drive VU is part of Google Workspace collaborative environment for education and research.

Besides Google Drive, most applications within the Google Workspace environment, such as Google Docs, Google Sheets and Google Slides, are also available and accessible on any device.

[More info](#)

<b>Max. storage size:</b>	Terabytes of data
<b>Costs:</b>	None
<b>Sharing and collaboration:</b>	With anyone
<b>Location:</b>	Google (WORLD)
<b>File recovery:</b>	Deleted items are retained for 30 days, versioning is available for all files
<b>Data classification:</b>	Low
<b>Additional information:</b>	-

## Encrypted portable storage

USB drive/disk or USB flash drive (USB stick) - with encryption.

Encrypted USB drive/disk or USB flash drive (USB stick).

You can order a drive or disk via the Order accessories form found in the service portal (link below).

Please note that it is highly recommended to always use encryption with portable storage, even if your data is classified as low.

[More info](#)

<b>Max. storage size:</b>	Depends on the device chosen
<b>Costs:</b>	Depends on the device chosen
<b>Sharing and collaboration:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Location:</b>	Not applicable
<b>File recovery:</b>	Can be configured
<b>Data classification:</b>	Medium (with encryption) Low (w/o encryption)
<b>Additional information:</b>	-

## Custom solutions

When your project requires a very specific setup.

If none of the options satisfy your requirements, a custom setup or configuration may be possible.

Contact the RDM Support Desk via the link below to explore the options.

[More info](#)

## Open Science Framework

OSF is an open platform to support your research and enable collaboration.

The OSF is an open-source collaboration tool geared towards Open Science.

Although not primarily a storage tool, OSF can be a very useful and easy to use way to share and publish your data, project documentation, or pre-registrations. It is possible to connect Research Drive, [Dataverse](#) or SURFdrive to OSF if your data volume is larger than what OSF offers.

The OSF is developed by the Center for Open Science (COS) that strives to increase openness, integrity, and reproducibility of research.

[More info](#)

<b>Max. storage size:</b>	Private project: 5 GB Public project: 50GB (Extra storage possible on request)
<b>Costs:</b>	None
<b>Sharing and collaboration:</b>	With anyone
<b>Location:</b>	Google (EU)
<b>File recovery:</b>	NOT possible
<b>Data classification:</b>	Low
<b>Additional information:</b>	-