

# UAB Data Catalog – FAQ

The UAB Data Catalog is an online collection of records describing datasets generated by UAB researchers. The catalog does not directly include or store datasets, but functions as a directory to assist with discovery of datasets deposited in external data repositories such as Zenodo, Dryad, ICPSR, and Figshare.

To submit datasets, use this form <https://forms.office.com/r/GHzzvq3czL>. Contact Marla Hertz at [mihertz@uab.edu](mailto:mihertz@uab.edu) or Amy Reese at [reesea@uab.edu](mailto:reesea@uab.edu) for assistance.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How do I search the UAB Data Catalog?

The records are organized by year. Use the search bar with “in this series” filter to search by keywords. Or use the advanced search function.

### 2. How do I access the datasets in the catalog?

The UAB Data Catalog is a publicly available resource and dataset records may appear in search engines, including Google Dataset Search. However, some of actual data described in the catalog may be restricted. Review the data access instructions in each record.

Each dataset is controlled by an individual, research team, or institution who may establish different rules regarding access to the data. Dataset managers will be listed as Authors or Publishers in the catalog record. Access Restrictions are also listed in each catalog entry under “Access Instructions”.

### 3. What is the scope of the UAB Data Catalog?

Eligible datasets must include raw or replicate level data generated by research conducted while at least one member on the research team had a primary affiliation with UAB. The datasets must also support at least one of the following use cases: research reproducibility, community resource development, and/or teaching and learning.

### 4. I found my dataset in the catalog but there is an error in the record.

Please submit update requests by email to Marla Hertz at [mihertz@uab.edu](mailto:mihertz@uab.edu) or Amy Reese at [reesea@uab.edu](mailto:reesea@uab.edu).

**5. Why is my dataset not available in the catalog?**

The UAB Data Catalog is not a comprehensive record of datasets from UAB researchers. It was initially populated with datasets from several data repositories used by UAB researchers including Zenodo, Dryad, ICPSR and Figshare. You can help make the catalog more complete by listing your datasets in the catalog once they are published.

**6. How can I list my dataset in the catalog?**

To have a dataset included in the UAB Data Catalog, a UAB researcher must fill out this intake form: <https://forms.office.com/r/GHzzvq3czL>.

**7. I am submitting a grant and would like to include the Data Catalog in my Data Management Plan; do you have sample language?**

If you are writing a grant and plan to share your data (via a public repository, restricted repository or by request, etc.) you can make it more discoverable with the UAB Data Catalog. Below is sample language that can be inserted into a data management and sharing plan.

“Data from this project will be described with rich metadata in the UAB Data Catalog to increase findability of the datasets.”