

# ACID-PRUF Data Protocol

Data management arrangements for the ACID-PRUF programme are expected to

- Encourage dissemination of scientific results
- Protect the rights of the individual scientists
- Treat all the involved researchers equitably
- Ensure the quality of the data in the ACID-PRUF data archive

To try to meet these aims, all named Investigators involved in ACID-PRUF, in accordance with and on behalf of their co-workers, have agreed to abide by the following conditions as part of the acceptance of the grant award.

1. Access to all data submitted to the archive will be restricted to project participants for a maximum of 2 years following the archival date, after which they will be released into the public domain under the Open Government Licence.
2. Whilst the data are restricted from the public domain, no data should be transferred to a third party without the originator's consent.
3. Whilst the data are restricted from the public domain, all investigators have the right to refuse that their work, whether measurement or calculation, be used in a publication or presentation prior to the investigators' own publication of that work.
4. If measurements or model results from other groups within the programme are used in a project participant's publication during or after the programme, joint authorship must be offered.
5. In all cases where the data are used in a presentation or publication, a citation must be given: for example, "Natural Environment Research Council. Aerosol-Cloud Interactions - A Directed Programme to Reduce Uncertainty in Forcing (ACID-PRUF) Data, [Internet]. NCAS British Atmospheric Data Centre, Date of citation. Available from [http://badc.nerc.ac.uk/view/badc.nerc.ac.uk\\_\\_ATOM\\_\\_dataent\\_ToBeDetermined](http://badc.nerc.ac.uk/view/badc.nerc.ac.uk__ATOM__dataent_ToBeDetermined)"
6. Information submitted in application for access to the data will be made available to the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and its delegated authorities, i.e. the PI, the CEMS academic archive (formerly NERC Earth Observation Data Centre) and the British Atmospheric Data Centre (BADC) and their host organisation, the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) for the purposes of tracking data usage and of improving the service.