



Guidelines for DCVAS research proposals

The DCVAS database provides a valuable resource for further research questions into vasculitis. **Research proposals are welcome from contributors to the study** and can be submitted on a standard form available via the website www.dcvas.org or by contacting dcvas@ndorms.ox.ac.uk

Proposals are reviewed regularly by the DCVAS Steering Group.

A list of ongoing sub-projects is available on the website and full outlines of each project can be downloaded from the Oxford University weblearn site <https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk>.

We recommend investigators refer to the list of current projects to check that a proposal does not conflict with any existing areas of research. Researchers are encouraged to contact DCVAS lead investigators via dcvas@ndorms.ox.ac.uk to discuss proposals informally prior to submission.

After approval, a data extract is provided.

- Complete datasets are not distributed - only variables related to each proposal.
- To request data, please mark-up variables in the data dictionary needed for your analysis.
- A comprehensive data dictionary, listing data format, coding etc. is sent along with the data extract. We can provide data in excel or csv file - csv files can be imported into SAS and STATA.
- The file is stored on a secure University portal (Oxfile). You will receive an email with a link to the portal where you can download the file.

Please note - these are preliminary data. The file you receive will only contain records which have been locked by investigators at local sites.

We can provide further records and/or data items at a future time point. All data are linked by subject ID and the data format will be identical.

The **publication guidelines** will be available on the website in autumn 2015.