

Dutch Data Prize 2024 | Criteria

A. Introduction

Every two years, the **RDNL Dutch Data Prize** is awarded to an individual or a team that makes research data FAIR. In order to have a chance to win this prize, researchers can nominate themselves or another researcher or research group.

This document sets out the criteria for the 2024 Dutch Data Prize as guidance for preparing submissions and to ensure transparency about criteria to which the jury will adhere in assessing submissions.

B. Dutch Data Prize 2024 | Five Criteria

Criterion 1:

The data are widely used or have the potential to be so.

Guidance: reuse or actual use beyond the original production and use of the data is a strong indicator for reusability. It is very interesting to learn about actual use of the data (e.g. was it expected or unexpected; in which domains?) and/or why people who nominate a dataset see high potential for its reuse. When applicable, please add references to examples of reuse. This is not a knock-out criterion.

Criterion 2:

The data are openly available, or the dataset documentation explains why this is not possible and under which conditions interested parties can get access to the data.

Guidance: RDNL promotes “Open where possible, restricted where necessary”.

Criterion 3:

The data or the research opportunities it brings are of importance. Please score the following:

3 - Important for the entire domain of research and beyond

2 - Important for closely related disciplines

1 - Important for research within the same discipline

0 - Unlikely to be important to others outside of the immediate research group

Criterion 4:

The dataset shows strong awareness of items 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of <https://fairaware.dans.knaw.nl/>

Guidance: These are the FAIR-Aware elements for which primarily a data producer is responsible, in contrast to the elements in criterion 5.

Criterion 5:

The data are in a digital repository that is certified as trustworthy (demonstrated through [CoreTrustSeal](#) or [World Data System](#) (WDS) membership) or in a public digital repository that shows strong awareness of items 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10 of <https://fairaware.dans.knaw.nl/>.

Guidance: Certified trustworthy repositories play a substantial role in making and keeping data FAIR. However, certified repositories do not exist in all research domains. In such domains, repositories that comply with the FAIR-Aware elements mentioned, are considered trustworthy. This criterion aims to filter out datasets on just any server, on a project website etc.