

FAIR Data Fund winners

We are happy to announce the winners of the 5th edition of the FAIR Data Fund. In total, we've selected 8 grantees representing our partner universities and a variety of scientific disciplines. Congratulations to all and we look forward to supporting their work this year!

FAIR Data Fund

5th edition

Starting autumn 2025



 4TU ResearchData
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Find out who the winners are and learn more about their projects [here](#).

NEW PROJECTS TO STRENGTHEN OPEN SCIENCE INFRASTRUCTURE

4TU.ResearchData is involved in several projects funded by Open Science NL to strengthen open science infrastructure in the Netherlands. It will lead the Enabling FAIR for AI project with partners including the Netherlands eScience Center, Nikhef, and the University of Twente, improving reuse and transparency of research data and software through enhancements to the Djehuty repository. In addition, 4TU.ResearchData contributes to three projects focused on developing a sustainable Research Software Directory, connecting infrastructure through Yoda, and improving access to international geoscientific research data.

[Read more](#)

We are hiring!

4TU.ResearchData is looking for new colleagues to work on these projects:

- **FAIR for AI Project Coordinator:** Lead the day-to-day management of the FAIR for AI project, coordinating across multiple Dutch research institutions.
- **FAIR for AI Project Officer:** Contribute to the FAIR for AI project with a focus on accreditation criteria, certification and reproducibility workflows, while also supporting other 4TU.ResearchData projects.
- **Software Engineer (Open Source):** Help develop and extend Djehuty, our open source repository platform, building tools and workflows that support reproducibility of research software and AI/ML models.

More information on the vacancies

Research Data Netherlands (RDNL) updates



Project in the spotlight

RDNL has received €4.8 million from Open Science NL to develop a national training and community platform for data stewards over four years. The platform will connect existing training initiatives, offer new courses and certification options, and support professional development. The project was featured in Open Science NL's annual review 2025 through an interview with 4TU.ResearchData's Dorien Huijser.

[Read the interview](#)

From curriculum to training: supporting data professionals

As a first milestone in the RDNL project to develop a national training and community platform, RDNL has now published a first version of the national curriculum. The curriculum relies on a competency framework with seven areas and a flexible, curated training programme focused on lifelong learning. Stakeholder engagement will guide its further development to ensure a sustainable, community-driven platform.

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Repository updates

Djuhuty next steps: help us grow!

Djuhuty is an open-source repository system developed by 4TU.ResearchData to support FAIR research data and software. Used by the 4TU.ResearchData and Nikhef repositories, it continues to grow through community contributions and new developments, including the Enabling FAIR for AI project.

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Djehuty first release of 2026

We're happy to share the first Djehuty release of 2026! Version v26.1 includes 10 commits from four contributors and introduces the CODECHECK request in metadata form, making research software more reproducible.

[Go to Github](#)

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE DATASETS?

Data supporting: Clustering Approach to Typo-Morphologies Across Multiple Dutch Cities for Urban Heat Island Intensity Assessment in Urbanized Residential Settings. - Moustafa Habib Abdelraouf, Maha; Zendeli, Doruntina; van Esch, Marjolein; Timmermans, Wim; van Ham, Maarten (2026). <https://doi.org/10.4121/3fa09077-8ce8-4d05-8207-09c8b666bb43.v1>

This repository contains datasets on residential typo-morphologies across 99 Dutch cities, including a focused subset covering four major urban areas: Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Utrecht, and the Hague.

Data underlying the publication: Effect of grace period on false alarm rates of smartwatch-based OHCA detection systems: a pilot study. - Hup, Roelof; Plaisier, Myrthe; Machiavello, Tobias; van Spreuwel, Sophie (2026). <https://doi.org/10.4121/e1a2752f-7b98-45e2-bb61-7b1d3eec0b0c.v2>

This dataset supports research on out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA) by recording the effect of a grace period on false alarm rates of smartwatch-based OHCA detection systems.

TDCC NES updates

Launch of new project: Building digital skills training and lesson development capacity in the Netherlands NES domain

We are happy to announce the launch of a new TDCC-NES funded project aimed at increasing the software and digital teaching capacity in the natural and engineering sciences (NES) in the Netherlands. This 2-year project is led by 4TU.ResearchData and is a collaboration between 4TU.ResearchData, TU Delft, eScience Center, Tilburg University and the Carpentries Coordinators Network NL. Nominations are now open for Carpentries Instructor Training seats under the Building digital skills training and lesson development capacity in the Netherlands NES domain (DC4NES) project, funded by TDCC-NES and led by 4TU.ResearchData.



[More information](#)

TDCC-NES Ontology Engineers: let's work together to make research data meaningful

How can we make research outputs in the Natural & Engineering Sciences more understandable and reusable even across institutions and infrastructures? This is the focus of ontology engineering within TDCC-NES. TDCC-NES has two dedicated ontology engineers supporting NES researchers and projects across the Netherlands. We offer free, practical guidance and training to help you develop and apply ontologies, so that your research outputs become more FAIR, interoperable, and AI-ready. We also have open office hours on Mondays from 11:00 to 12:00, which you can join online or in person at the TU Delft Library.

[Read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

RDNL Essentials 4 Data Support (Dutch edition), April/June 2026

The Essentials 4 Data Support course provides an introductory overview for data professionals and those who help researchers store, manage, archive, and share their research data. The in-person classes (in Dutch) will take place on April 16 at SURF in Utrecht and June 4 at Health-RI in Utrecht. <https://researchdata.nl/2026/01/nieuwe-cursus-essentials-4-data-support-april-juni-2026/>

Connecting knowledge: Tackling interoperability in research, 21 May 2026

Organised by the three Thematic Digital Competence Centres, this meeting is aimed at anyone who produces, works with, or manages research data, and is interested in connecting datasets, data points and tools to create new knowledge: <https://tdcc.nl/evenementen/connecting-knowledge-tackling-interoperability-in-research/>

PIDfest, October 2026

PIDfest, the international conference on persistent identifiers will be held in Leiden in October 2026. A call for proposals is open until 22 March 2026: <https://www.pidfest.org/>

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