Costing Research Data Management

- For each selected RDM activity, estimate the total time and/or other resources required and cost this (e.g. people’s time or physical resources needed such as software)
- Check whether you need a dedicated data manager (could be funded from a number of different projects)
- The cost of RDM should be calculated for inclusion in a funding application or a Data Management Plan

During the project
Direct costs, e.g.
- Hardware/software
- Cost of preparing data and metadata
  - Expenses
  - Staff

After the project

Roles & responsibilities
(e.g. data management meetings if multiple funders, organisations, etc.)

Preservation costs
If data is required be deposited in data centres or national/subject data repositories, any charge that may be levied

Quality assurance

Cost of storing data
1Tb per researcher, thereafter storage will be charged at £1000 per Tb

Notes
- The UK Data Service template may be a useful resource in Research Data Management and its respective costs.
- Remember that when your project nears the end, you do not want these additional data management activities to compete with delivery of your planned outputs, writing of publications and the timely delivery of your project. At this later stage, the costs of preparing data for sharing and preservation may be significantly higher.
- Help with costing research data management is available at: research-data@st-andrews.ac.uk