

Planetary Health Report Card (PHRC) Data Use Policy

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1. Purpose of the Data The PHRC metrics and annual reports are made publicly available to support medical and academic research, institutional improvement, and educational projects. The primary aim is to serve as a metric-based tool for evaluating and improving planetary health content in professional schools.

2. Attribution Requirements All users of the metrics or report card data must acknowledge Planetary Health Report Card as the source in any publications, posters, presentations, or derivative works. A recommended citation format will be provided on the PHRC website.

3. Permitted Uses The data is authorized for use in:

- Academic research and peer-reviewed publications
- Institutional evaluations and improvement initiatives
- Development of educational resources and programs
- Advocacy and public awareness campaigns

4. Prohibited Uses The data must not be utilized for:

- Commercial endeavors without explicit written consent by PHRC
- Misrepresentation or alteration that distorts the integrity of the data's content or purpose
- Activities that conflict with the mission or ethical values of PHRC
- Use of the PHRC data to directly support a specific political party or group
- Changing of wording of individual metrics
- Use in direct competition with existing PHRC student teams competing a full PHRC report card at an institution

5. Permission Report card data can be utilized without leadership-granted permission if one adheres to this data use policy and appropriate acknowledgement is provided. PHRC metrics may only be used for individual research with permission of the PHRC Board of Directors to ensure no duplication of research efforts. Contact contact@phreportcard.com with a description of the intended project for permissions.

6. Access and Modification Users are permitted to analyze, adapt, or integrate the report card data with other datasets for their projects, provided that proper attribution is maintained and any derivative datasets are clearly delineated from the original.

7. Privacy and Ethical Guidelines The report card data is devoid of personally identifiable information. Users are obligated to uphold ethical standards, ensuring that the data is employed responsibly and does not result in harm to individuals, institutions, or the broader community.

The Planetary Health Report Card is data of institutions rather than individuals and therefore normally does not require ethical approval for publication, however the publishers must take responsibility for checking this in their specific circumstance. Any published data must not include any personally identifiable information. Users are obligated to uphold ethical standards, ensuring that the data is employed responsibly.

8. Sharing and Redistribution Users may share or redistribute the data for non-commercial purposes, provided that this policy is included in its entirety with the redistributed data. Redistribution for commercial purposes requires prior written approval.

9. Reporting Requirements Users are asked to share any publications, presentations, or significant findings derived from the data with Planetary Health Report Card co-directors via phreportcard@gmail.com. This helps our organization track the impact and relevance of the report card.

10. Terms of Agreement Accessing or downloading the report card data implies agreement to this policy.

11. Contact Information For questions, permissions, or to share feedback and publications, please contact us at: phreportcard@gmail.com

12. Amendments to the Policy PHRC reserves the right to update or modify this policy as needed. Changes will be communicated on the website.

13. Suggested citations:

- a) Individual PHRC report card:
[Listed report authors], Planetary Health Report Card: [University Name]. [Year report card applies to i.e 2024/25]. 2025. Available from: phreportcard.org/[URL of individual report card].

Example:

Adams et al., Planetary Health Report Card: University of Melbourne. 2024/25. 2025.

Available from:

https://phreportcard.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/The-University-of-Melbourne_2025_MED.pdf

- b) International Summary Report:

The 2025 Planetary Health Report Card International Summary Report. Version 5. June 2025. Planetary Health Report Card. Available from:

<https://phreportcard.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/The-2025-Planetary-Health-Report-Card-International-Summary-Report-V5.pdf>

