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## PREPARING FOR YOUR COLLABORATION

- Prepare to explain background relevant to your research to a non-expert in your field.
- Gather any pictures, diagrams, graphs, or written sources that provide background to share.
- Write out your research questions and hypotheses.
- Review any documents governing data confidentiality and privacy such as IRB Protocol Data Management Plan, Confidentiality Agreements, Privacy Policies, etc. It is your responsibility as a researcher to comply with these.
- Organize and plot any existing data.
- Brainstorm sources of variability that affect your research.
- Gather any example analyses from previous theses, dissertations, or articles.
- Be prepared to explain the conclusions you would like to make regarding your research if supported by your data.
- Sketch any graphics that you think would support your research claims.

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