#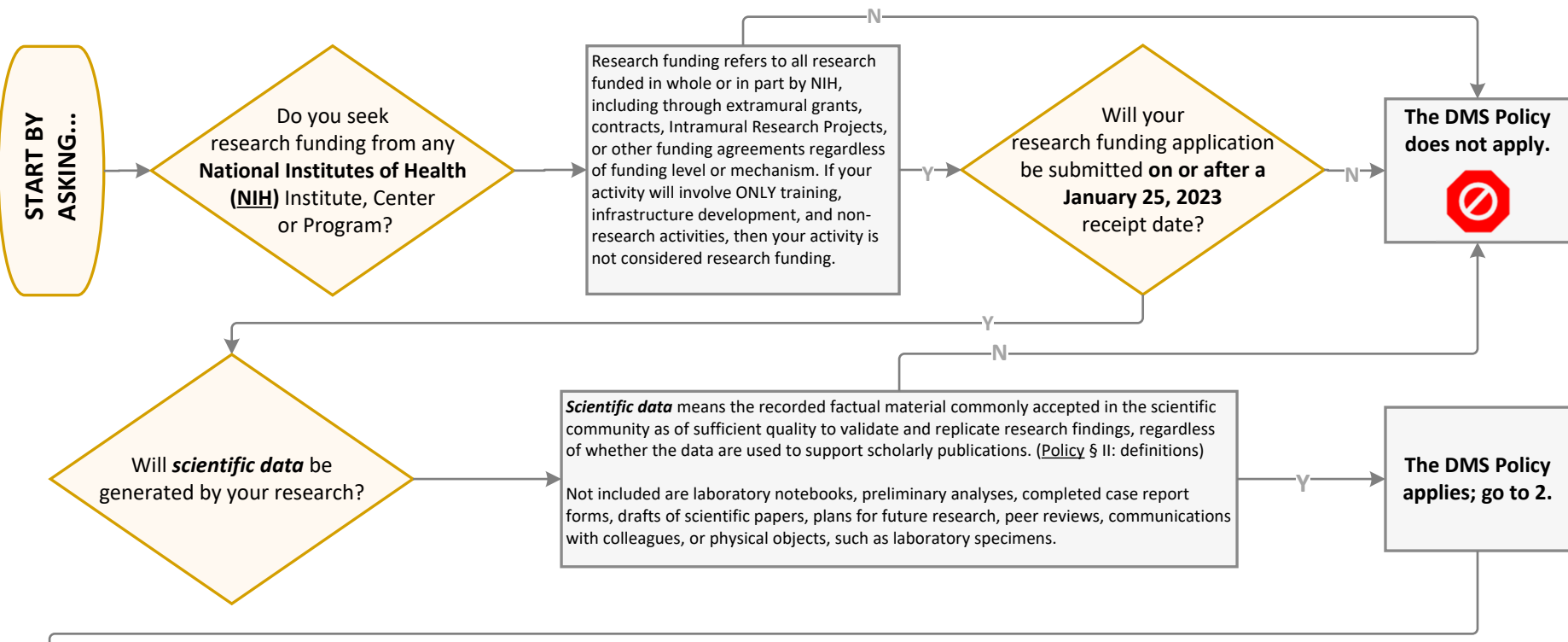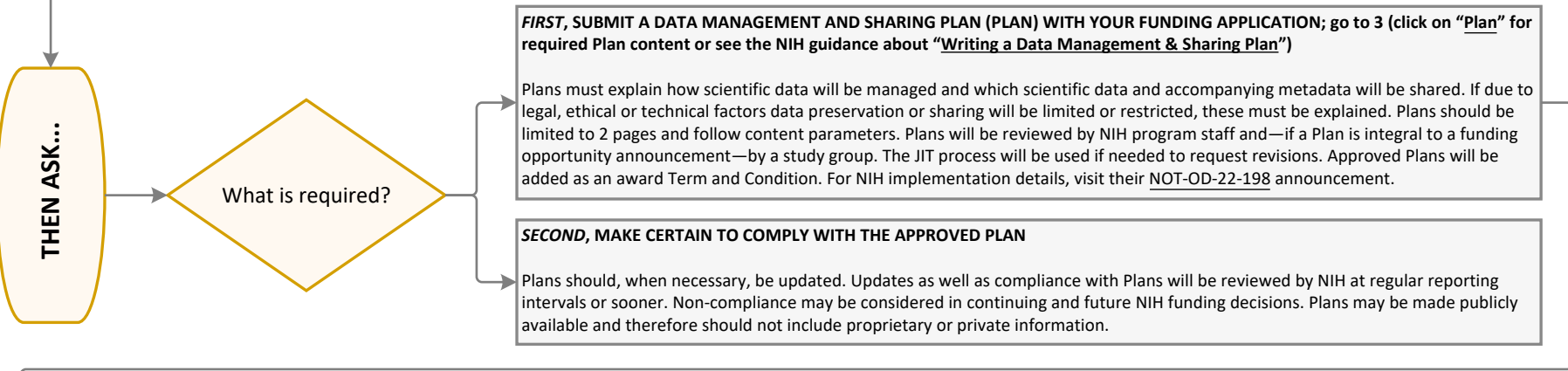 NIH DATA MANAGEMENT AND SHARING POLICY (NIH DMS Policy) Requirements (see our OHSP/IRB NIH DMS page for more information!)

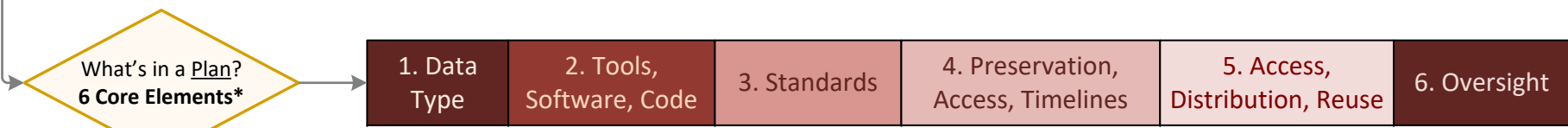**(1) Does the NIH DMS Policy apply to your research?**

START BY ASKING...

Do you seek research funding from any **National Institutes of Health (NIH)** Institute, Center or Program?

Research funding refers to all research funded in whole or in part by NIH, including through extramural grants, contracts, Intramural Research Projects, or other funding agreements regardless of funding level or mechanism. If your activity will involve ONLY training, infrastructure development, and non-research activities, then your activity is not considered research funding.

Will your research funding application be submitted **on or after a January 25, 2023** receipt date?

The DMS Policy does not apply.

Will *scientific data* be generated by your research?

Scientific data means the recorded factual material commonly accepted in the scientific community as of sufficient quality to validate and replicate research findings, regardless of whether the data are used to support scholarly publications. (Policy § II: definitions)

Not included are laboratory notebooks, preliminary analyses, completed case report forms, drafts of scientific papers, plans for future research, peer reviews, communications with colleagues, or physical objects, such as laboratory specimens.

The DMS Policy applies; go to 2.

(2) Complying with the NIH DMS Policy

THEN ASK...

What is required?

FIRST, SUBMIT A DATA MANAGEMENT AND SHARING PLAN (PLAN) WITH YOUR FUNDING APPLICATION; go to 3 (click on "Plan" for required Plan content or see the NIH guidance about "Writing a Data Management & Sharing Plan")

Plans must explain how scientific data will be managed and which scientific data and accompanying metadata will be shared. If due to legal, ethical or technical factors data preservation or sharing will be limited or restricted, these must be explained. Plans should be limited to 2 pages and follow content parameters. Plans will be reviewed by NIH program staff and—if a Plan is integral to a funding opportunity announcement—by a study group. The JIT process will be used if needed to request revisions. Approved Plans will be added as an award Term and Condition. For NIH implementation details, visit their NOT-OD-22-198 announcement.

SECOND, MAKE CERTAIN TO COMPLY WITH THE APPROVED PLAN

Plans should, when necessary, be updated. Updates as well as compliance with Plans will be reviewed by NIH at regular reporting intervals or sooner. Non-compliance may be considered in continuing and future NIH funding decisions. Plans may be made publicly available and therefore should not include proprietary or private information.

(3) DMS Plan requirements

What's in a Plan? **6 Core Elements***

1. Data Type	2. Tools, Software, Code	3. Standards	4. Preservation, Access, Timelines	5. Access, Distribution, Reuse	6. Oversight

*Refer to this NIH announcement and use the bookmark function for a description of these elements