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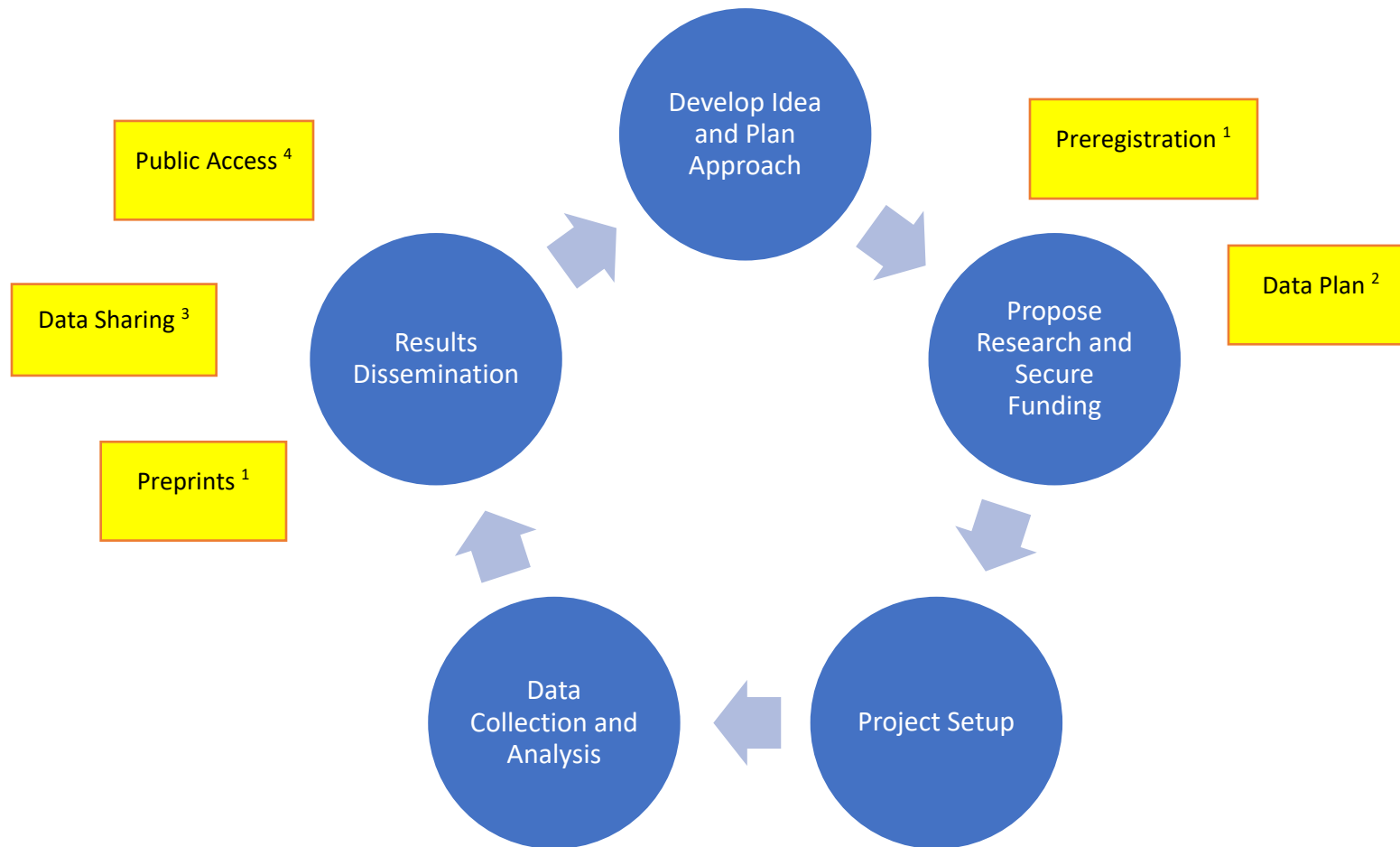
1 – Use of Preregistration and Preprints are encouraged. AHA provides guidance related to their use.

2 - AHA requires applicants to include a data sharing plan/opt-out request with their application. Most early-career awards are exempt from this requirement. AHA will approve or reject opt-out requests based on established guidelines. This plan should be a living document that is updated by the PI as needed throughout the project.

3 - Any factual data (or code) that is needed for independent verification of research results must be made freely and publicly available in an AHA-approved repository within 12 months of the end of the funding period (and any no-cost extension). Most early-career awards are exempt from this requirement. Guidance for Material Transfer is provided.

4 – AHA requires that all journal articles resulting from AHA funding be made freely available in PubMed Central (PMC) and linked to an AHA award within 12 months of publication.