

Five starter steps for research libraries

Funding agencies want to improve access to and reproducibility of research, and are implementing requirements for data storage, curation and sharing. The library is well positioned to play a leadership role. Here are 5 steps libraries can take to become partners in research data management.

1 Prepare a use case for management

Many argue that the value of the journal article will decrease as the value of available research data increases over the next few years*

The library must adapt to remain relevant

Internal

External

The library brings skills and expertise to the table

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Coordinate the stakeholders



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Get to know the landscape



- Funding body requirements
- Internal and external repositories

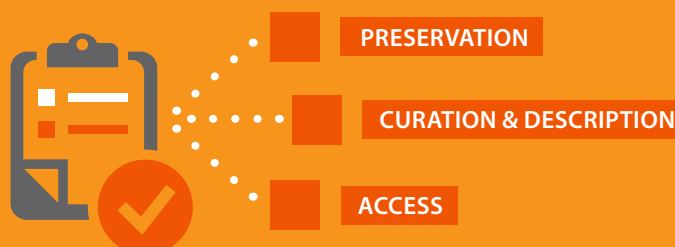


- Talk to Research Data Services teams at other libraries and discover their opportunities and challenges



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Adapt current skills to research data management



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Initiate a pilot project

- Index data for cross-repository search
- Investigate tools for data storage, retrieval and processing
- Develop guidelines and workflows
- Create usage reports
- Add metadata layer to repository

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*See the complete article at:

<http://libraryconnect.elsevier.com/articles/RDM>

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