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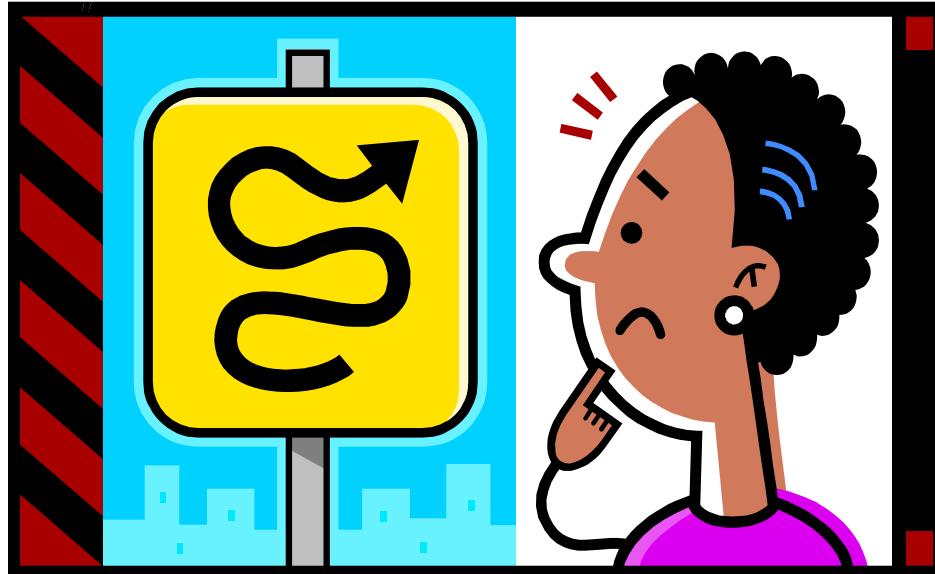
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- Learn from others' experiences
- Understand users' needs
- Determine how best to meet needs
- Develop appropriate tools & services
- Rinse & repeat



E-science & Data Services Collaborative  
E-scholarship Working Group  
GIS Data Group  
Data Storage Group  
Research Support Services Collaborative

- Data Management, Access, & Archiving
- Research Communities & Networks
- Digital Arts & Humanities

## **Many Organizational Structures!**

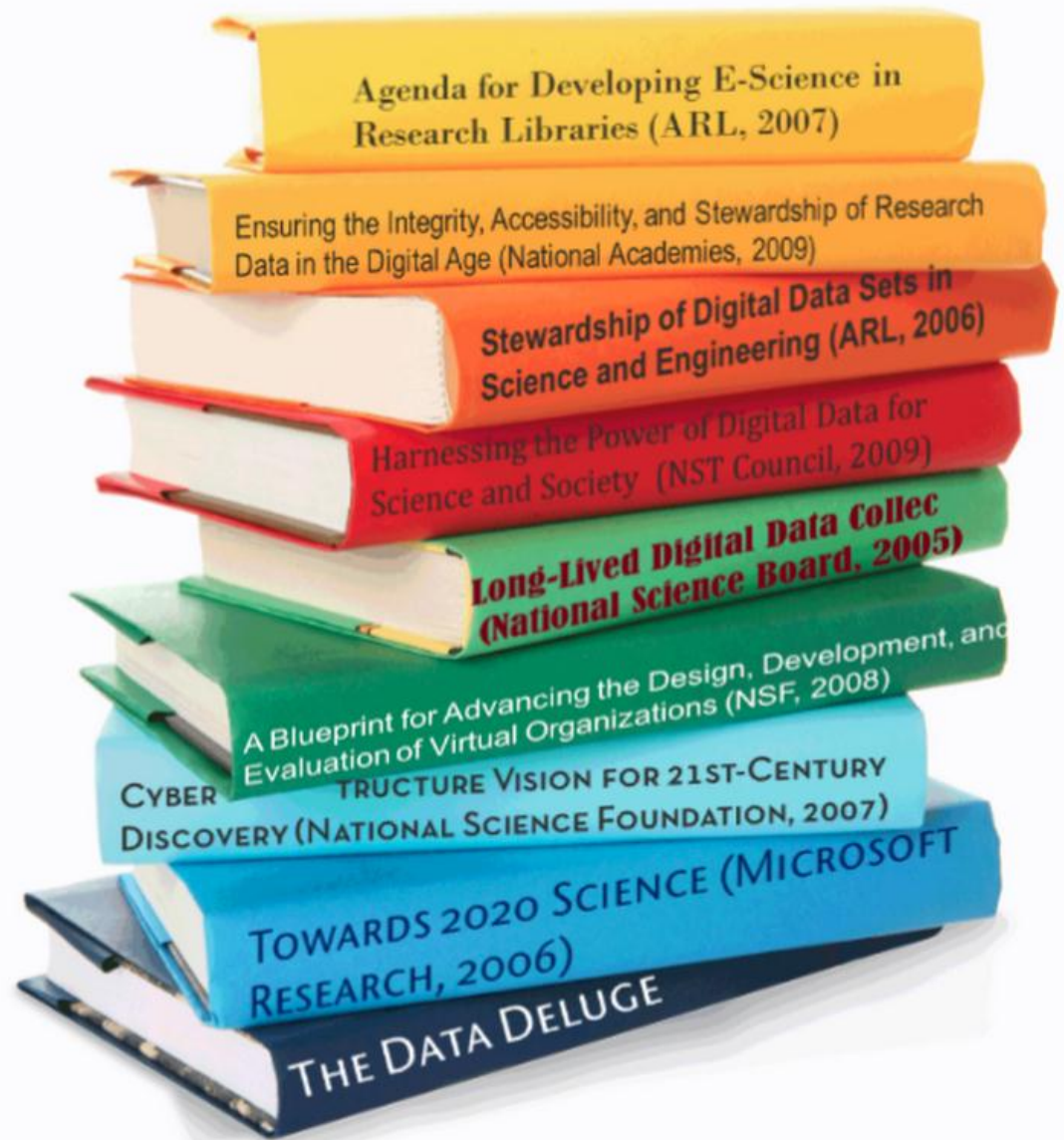
## **Many People Involved!**

Interdisciplinary Sciences Librarians  
Data Services Librarian  
Translational Sciences Librarian  
Metadata Strategist  
Digital Preservation Strategist  
Liaison's "E-scholarship" role  
Research Services Librarian  
Digital Arts & Humanities Librarian



# A Changing Research Landscape

- E-science education
- Policy development
- Digital data stewardship



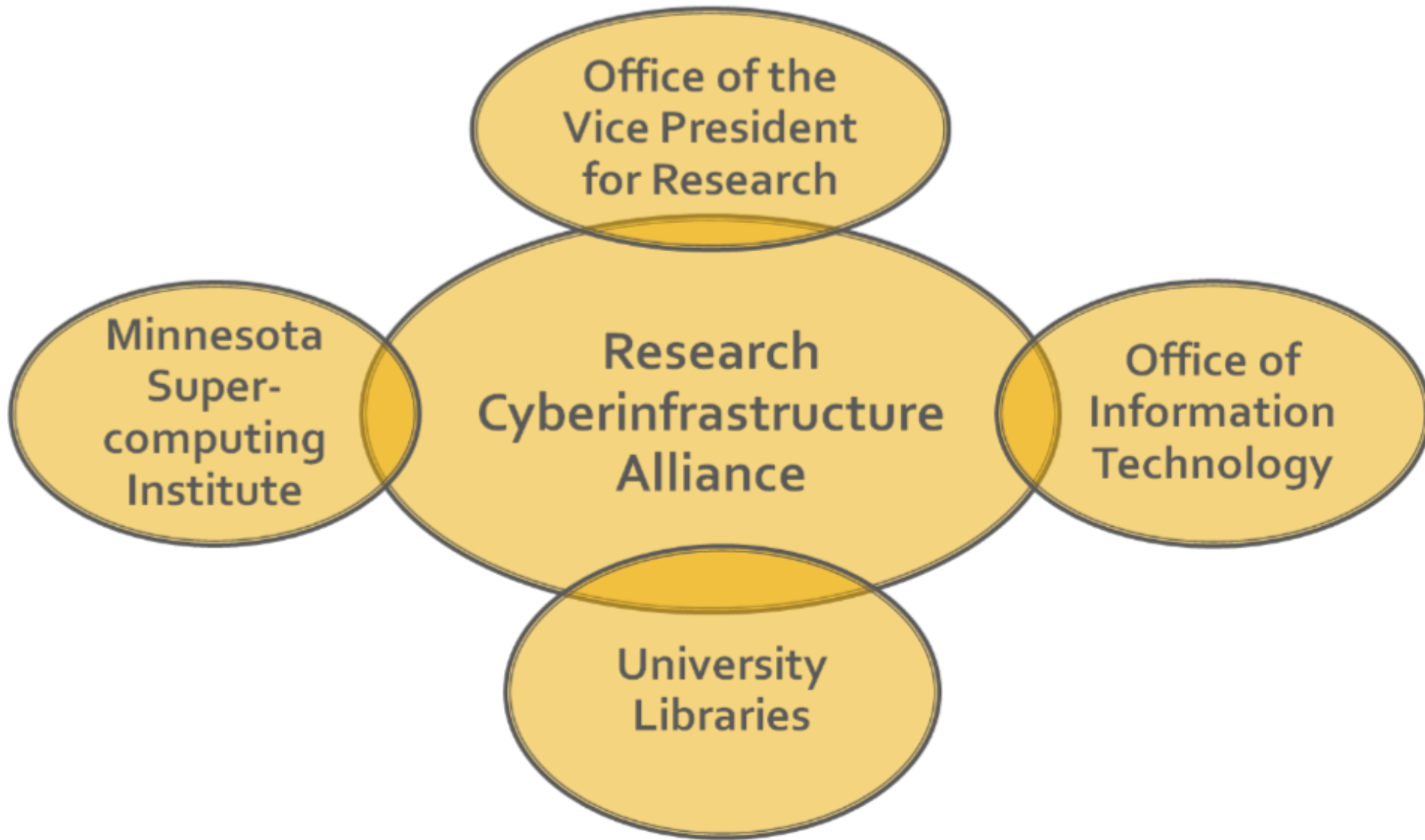
# A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT

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# Forming Campus Partnerships



## Service Portfolio - Research Cyberinfrastructure Alliance

| <i>Consulting- Information Services</i>                      | Web URL  | MSI | CLA | Library | OIT |
|--|--|-----|-----|---------|-----|
| Study design   | CLA: <a href="https://research.cla.umn.edu/publicwiki/index.php?id=Research+Consulting">https://research.cla.umn.edu/publicwiki/index.php?id=Research+Consulting</a>         |     | ✓   |         |     |
| IRB issues   | CLA: <a href="https://research.cla.umn.edu/publicwiki/index.php?id=Research+Consulting">https://research.cla.umn.edu/publicwiki/index.php?id=Research+Consulting</a>         |     | ✓   |         |     |
| Grants information and support                               | CLA: <a href="https://research.cla.umn.edu/publicwiki/index.php?id=Research+Consulting">https://research.cla.umn.edu/publicwiki/index.php?id=Research+Consulting</a><br>LIB: |     | ✓   | ✓       |     |
| Data access, acquisition and licensing                       | LIB:   |     |     | ✓       |     |
| Assessment and planning services                             | LIB:   |     |     | ✓       |     |
| Performance measurement                                      | OIT: In development- service statements – will be at <a href="http://www.umn.edu/oit/planning">http://www.umn.edu/oit/planning</a>   |     |     |         | ✓   |
| Standards advisory   | LIB:   |     |     | ✓       |     |
| Best practices for metadata, data archiving and preservation | LIB:   |     |     | ✓       |     |
| Intellectual property rights issues, open                    | LIB:   |     |     | ✓       |     |

What's missing?



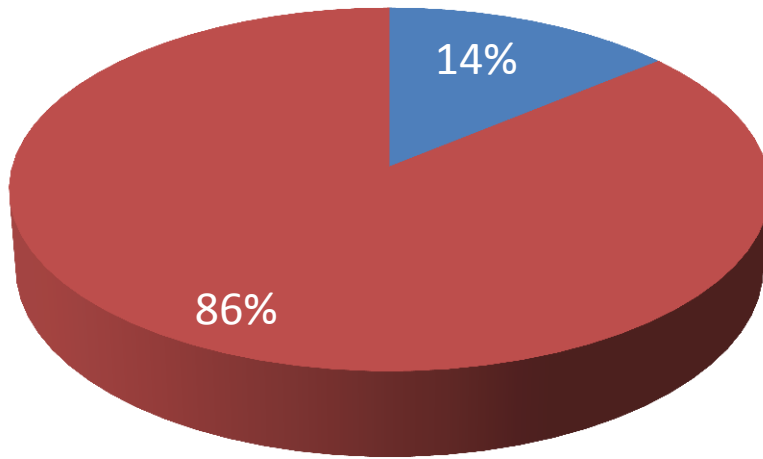


# Potential & Existing Library Roles

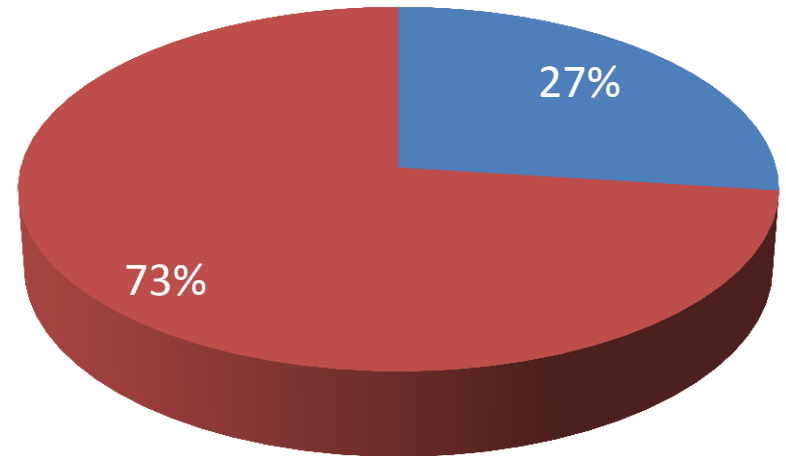
- Metadata, data archiving & preservation best practices
- Metadata description and advisory services
- Advising on intellectual property rights, open access models, & standards
- Tutorials & hands-on workshops
- Repository services for archiving, access & data re-use



# Surprising Findings



- Use centralized campus data storage
- Do not use centralized campus data storage



- Have lost data due to lack of backup
- Have not lost data due to lack of backup



***“We evaluated the file sharing service from central IT but found it too cumbersome to use....”***

- Post-doc, College of Science and Engineering

**“...beyond the basics it's not clear who to contact for what.”** - Faculty Member, College of Liberal Arts.

**“I feel as if I'm living on borrowed time, no confidence in having access to adequate data storage for research in the future.”** -Faculty Member, College of Education & Human Development.

***“If infrastructure exists for sharing data, the knowledge has not been imparted on me.”***  
Post-doc, College of Science & Engineering



## Core Areas of Research Data Management Program

**Library Staff  
Education**

**Data  
Archiving**

**Campus  
Training and  
Outreach**

**Access and  
Preservation**



# Library Staff Education



# From Liaison Position Description Framework

*Example research data –related liaison roles:*

**Campus Engagement:** Seeking opportunities to collaborate with data producers and repository contributors

**Collection development:** Systematically select material in all formats including data sets and multimedia

**Scholarly Communication:** Recruiting institutional scholarly output such, as research data, for inclusion in the University Libraries' digital archiving initiatives.





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## Managing Your Data

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[Share Data](#)

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## Managing Your Data

Digital data is growing at an exponential rate: from the digital family photos on a home computer to the terabytes of data generated by researchers in the various disciplines across the university. How do we as individuals and scholars in the digital research environment keep up with our growing data management needs?

The [University Libraries](#) are here to assist you with research data management issues through best practices, training, and awareness of data preservation issues. This site examines the research data life-cycle and offers tools and solutions for creation, storage, analysis, dissemination, and preservation of your data.

### Creating a data management plan?

The libraries can help you create of a [data management plan](#). We are interested in working with individuals to consult on the best ways to share, disseminate, and make accessible their research data. Here are some next steps you can take toward creating your plan:

- Take one of our [data management workshops](#) or watch our online tutorial on best practices.

## Contact Us

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<https://www.lib.umn.edu/datamanagement>



# How does this affect my job? Help!

## Educational Events:

- Coffee clubs
- Listening sessions
- Speaker series

## Tools & Resources

- Guidelines for discussions with faculty/students
- Liaison toolkit, with data audit questions
- Presentations to faculty with Research Services Librarian





**Campus  
Training and  
Outreach**

Slides:



# Creating a Data Management Plan for Your Grant Application

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Tools for sharing data with collaborators

Tools for creating data management plans for grant applications

Service: Automatic back-up for data

Service: Preservation to enable long-term access

Consultation on new data management and collaboration tools

Consultation on appropriate research data repositories

Tools for creating persistent URLs for data (e.g., DOIs)

Service: Data Archiving in repositories on campus (e.g., for GIS data)

Tools for describing data with appropriate

Service: Metadata creation for better discovery of data

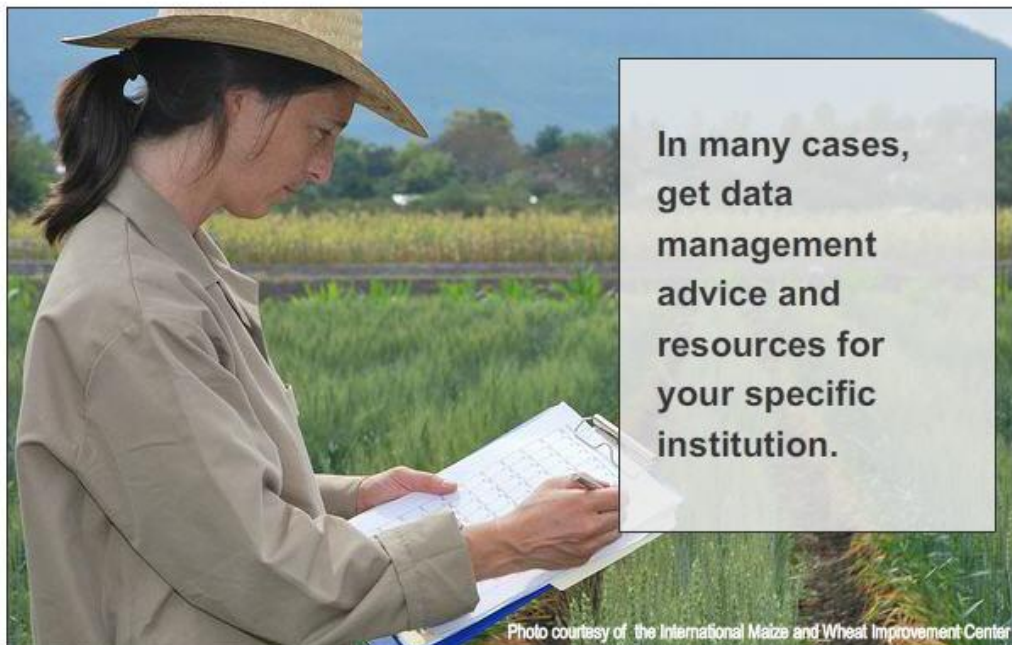
Training on sharing sensitive data appropriately

Training on data-related intellectual property issues

Training on managing data specific to my field

Tools for creating data citations for citing





**In many cases, get data management advice and resources for your specific institution.**

Photo courtesy of the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center

The DMP Tool allows you to: **1 2 3 4**

[Get Started!](#)

**Data Management Plan: Sample Plan Created at the DataONE Best Practices Workshop - Santa Fe NM 7/2011 Atmospheric CO2 Concentrations, Mauna Loa Observatory, Hawaii, 2011-2013**

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**1. Types of data produced**

An array of Mauna Loa Observatory will be collected continuously from an intake located at the tower, a central tower and four towers located at various quadrants. Raw data files will contain continuous measured CO2 concentrations, calibration standards, reference standards, daily check standards, and blanks. The sample lines located at various quadrants were used to describe the influence of source effects associated with wind directions. In addition to the CO2 data, we will record weather data (air speed and direction, temperature, humidity, precipitation, and cloud cover). Site conditions at Mauna Loa Observatory will also be noted and entered. The final data product will consist of 5-minute, 15-minute, hourly, daily, and monthly average of mole fraction concentration of

[See a plan created with the DMP Tool](#)

### Recent DMP News

- [DMPTool user stats, August 2012](#)
- [De-Mystifying Data Management Requirements](#)
- [DMPTool unavailable, Sunday Aug 26](#)
- [More news >](#)

<https://dmp.cdlib.org/>

# Open Access Week 2011

## E-mail to faculty

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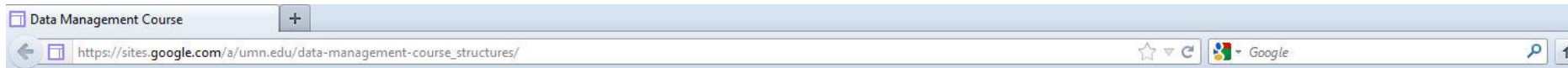
*Celebrate Open Access Week and "Make Your Data Open"*

**Top Ten Ways to Make Your Research Data Open**

10. Make data available upon request (e.g., by email).
9. Publish data as a supplement to your journal article in **journals that support data supplements**.
8. Post data sets to your project web site like the **Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve**.
7. Publish in a data repository for your discipline, e.g. **arXiv, ICPSR** and others.
6. Publish in the **University's Digital Conservancy** like the **Department of Aerospace Engineering & Mechanics**.
5. Ensure the openness of your shared data with a **Creative Commons Zero license**.
4. Use **proper citation techniques** for the data you reference in journal articles.
3. Don't limit data sets to short-term, proprietary formats like Microsoft Excel: **Learn more about file formats for long-term access**.
2. For private data, use **anonymization techniques** before sharing.
1. **Manage your data** throughout the research process.



# Data Information Literacy Grant with Purdue

 Search this site

## Data Management Course

### Data Management Course

### Structures Section

#### Modules

1. Introduction to Data Management
2. Data to be Managed
3. Organization and Documentation
4. Data Access and Ownership
5. Data Sharing and Re-use
6. Preservation Techniques
7. Complete Your DMP

#### Resources

- Data Analysis
- UMN Services

#### About

- Instructors
- News & Updates
- Syllabus



This short course on data management is designed for graduate students in the structural and civil engineering disciplines who seek to prepare themselves as "data information literate" scientists in the digital research environment. Detailed videos and writing activities will help you prepare for the specific and long-term needs of managing your research data. Experts in digital curation will describe current sharing expectations of federal funding agencies (like NSF, NIH) and give advice on how to ethically share and preserve research data for long-term access and reuse.

Students will get out of this course:

- Seven web-based lessons that you can watch anytime online or download to your device.
- A Data Management Plan (DMP) template with tips on how to complete each section. Your completed DMP can be used in grant applications or put into practice as a protocol for handling data individually or within your research group or lab.
- Feedback and consultation on your completed DMP by research data curators in your field.

Participants may join at anytime. Upon registering, you will receive a time-table and reminder emails for completing the course. If you have any questions please [contact the instructors](#).

### Data Management Course Enrollment

Fall 2012 course ends Dec 7th, 2012

\* Required

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Email \*

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# Data Archiving





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| thor_flight15_loworderAW_2011_06_06.txt | Flight Data, plain text format | 11441Kb | Text   | <a href="#">View/Open</a> |
| thor_flight15_loworderAW_2011_06_06.mat | Flight Data, MATLAB format     | 1113Kb  | MATLAB | <a href="#">View/Open</a> |

- Data archiving
- Open access to research data
- Easy to cite
- Preserved



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# Access & Preservation



# University of Minnesota Libraries' Roles in Research Data Management

## Current

- Data management plan consultation & training
- *Managing Your Data* web site
- Promoting best practices
- Cultivating graduate student data literacy skills
- Data archiving via existing services (e.g., University Digital Conservancy, UMedia Archive)

## Future

- Speaker series on emerging fields (e.g., data visualization)
- Metadata guidelines for researchers
- Data archiving services for specialized data (e.g., U-Spatial)
- Lots more possibilities!

Continued needs assessment



**Please feel free to reuse our web site & workshop content!**

Website: "Managing Your Data"  
**<https://www.lib.umn.edu/datamanagement>**

Workshop: "Creating a data management plan"  
**<https://www.lib.umn.edu/datamanagement/workshops>**

**Questions?**

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