From Planning to Preservation:

Openly accessible resources for managing research data.

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Outline

✧ What is Research Data Management?
✧ Why should I care?
✧ What resources exist to help me manage my data?
✧ Where can I find more information?

Link to this presentation: https://goo.gl/vkoCCl
If you shared your data another researcher or collaborator, would they be able to:

a. Interpret and understand it?

b. Use it in new analyses?

Would someone (including you) be able to find, interpret and use your data 20 years from now?
Research Data Management (RDM) is...

... the active organization & maintenance of data

... the application of best practices to ensure data security, accessibility, usability, and integrity

... a set of activities resulting in self-describing data sets that can be discovered and reused.
Applying RDM best practices will benefit...

Researchers and their collaborators
- Improves research efficiency and productivity
- Provides extra credit for research work
- Increases research impact
- May help to meet funding requirements

Research Communities
- Accelerates discovery
- Enables validation and verification

Funders, governments and the public
- Improves return on investment
- Increases research transparency
- Data as a public good
Tri-Agency Statement of Principles on Digital Data Management

1. Preamble

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) (the agencies) are federal granting agencies that promote and support research, research training, knowledge transfer and innovation within Canada.

As publicly funded organizations, the agencies are strong advocates for making the results of the research they fund as accessible as possible. In promoting access to research results, they aspire to advance knowledge, avoid research duplication and encourage reuse, maximize research benefits to Canadians and showcase the accomplishments of Canadian researchers. These aspirations align with the Government of Canada’s commitment to open science, as described in Seizing Canada’s Moment: Moving Forward in Science, Technology and Innovation (2014).

Research data include observations about the world that are used as primary sources to support scientific and technical inquiry, scholarship and research-creation, and as evidence in the research process. Research data are gathered through a variety of methods, including experimentation, analysis, sampling and repurposing of existing data. They are increasingly produced or translated into digital formats. When properly managed and responsibly shared, these digital resources enable researchers to ask new questions, pursue novel research programs, test alternative hypotheses, deploy innovative methodologies and collaborate across geographic and disciplinary boundaries. The ability to store, access, reuse and build upon digital research data has become critical to the advancement of science and scholarship, supports innovative solutions to economic and social challenges, and holds tremendous potential for Canada’s productivity, competitiveness and quality of life.
Tri-Agency Statement of Principles on Digital Data Management: 
Expectations

➢ Data management planning
➢ Constraints and obligations
➢ Adherence to standards
➢ Collection and storage
➢ Efficient and cost-effective

➢ Metadata
➢ Preservation, retention and sharing
➢ Timeliness
➢ Acknowledgement and citation

Tri-Agency Statement of Principles on Digital Data Management
http://www.science.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=83F7624E-1
Tri-Agency Statement of Principles on Digital Data Management: Responsibilities

Researchers
- incorporating best practices
- developing DMPs
- adhering to policies and standards

Research Communities
- developing & promoting standards
- fostering excellence
- selecting repositories

Research Institutions
- supporting best practices
- providing access to resources
- creating guidance and policies

Research Funders
- developing policies & guidance
- promoting data management
- providing peer reviewers
RDM capacity development at various scales

Institutional  Provincial / National  International

RDM @McMaster  Scholars Portal  RDA
MacDATA Institute  DataCite  ARL
RHPCS  portage  SHARE
What are researchers’ data management obligations?

What challenges do researchers face in managing their data?

How can the library help researchers address their data management needs?
Data Management Resources

I. Planning for RDM
A research Data Management Plan (DMP) should:
✧ Describe how you will manage data through all stages of your research
✧ Communicate a strategy for creating share-worthy data products

A good DMP will:
✧ Be completed at the time of study design
✧ Ensure compliance with policies / obligations
✧ Document and organize research activities
✧ Help identify support requirements
✧ *(Likely)* evolve with your study...
Portage DMP Assistant

✧ A web-based, bilingual data management planning tool.
✧ Available to all researchers in Canada.
✧ A guide for best practices in data stewardship.
✧ Exportable data management plans.

https://assistant.portagenetwork.ca/

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgLaJpJfehQ
II. In-project data management

Data Management Resources
Things to consider...

How will you manage digital data in your research?
✧ What types of data will you collect and how much?
✧ How will you organize and secure your data?

How will you share data between collaborators?
✧ How will you describe your data so that others understand it?
✧ How will you control access to this data?
Open Science Framework

- Free, open source web application
- Connects and supports the research workflow
- Integrates with existing services (e.g. Google Drive, Dropbox, etc.)
- Supports collaborative workflows
- Facilitates data publishing to selected data repositories

https://osf.io/

GETTING STARTED WITH THE OPEN SCIENCE FRAMEWORK (OSF)

https://youtu.be/2TV21gOzfhw

Workshop demo: https://osf.io/muq5f
Data Management Resources

III. Preserving and sharing data products

Plan
Create/Collect
Analyse
Preserve
Share
Things to consider...

How will your data products be stored in the long-term?
✧ How to ensure that it remains *integral* and *secure*?
✧ Who will assume long-term *responsibility* for your data?

How will others access your data products?
✧ What data should be shared?
✧ How will you manage legal, commercial & ethical constraints?

How to maximize credit for sharing your data?
✧ How to ensure that your data is *findable*, *accessible* and *citable*?
Scholars Portal Dataverse

✧ A data repository for researchers at Ontario's universities.
✧ An online platform to share, preserve, cite, explore and analyze research data.
✧ Allows researchers to control how they share their data.
✧ Supports data DOI registration through Datacite Canada.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDFGqRY61fQ

http://dataverse.scholarsportal.info
Thank You.

For more information:

RDM @McMaster
library.mcmaster.ca/rdm
rdmgmt@mcmaster.ca

McMaster Library’s RDM webpage and primary contact

portagenetwork.ca/

CARL Portage Network page: Access to RDM information and DMP Assistant
Other Links

https://portagenetwork.ca/ - CARL Portage Network page: RDM information and access to DMP Assistant


http://library.mcmaster.ca/rdm - RDM@McMaster homepage

http://www.re3data.org/ - Registry of research data repositories

http://dataverse.scholarsportal.info/dvn/ - Scholars Portal Dataverse