

## • **What Is RDMLA?**

The Research Data Management Academy (RDMLA) is a global, free online professional development program for librarians, information professionals, or other professionals who work in a research-intensive environment. The curriculum focuses on the knowledge and skills needed to collaborate with researchers and other stakeholders on data management. RDMLA features a unique partnership between a library and information science academic program, six academic health sciences and research libraries, and one publisher. All of the content is hosted on Canvas Network, freely available, and open for reuse.

## • **Who is the RDMLA audience?**

RDMLA invites all librarians and information professionals, worldwide, to take the course. Researchers are also welcome to join, as is anyone wishing to learn more about research data management (RDM). RDMLA learners will find the course's online structure convenient as the course's units can be taken in sequence or out of order, based on a learner's needs or interest. Additionally, learners can start, stop, and return to a unit when they have time.

## • **What will I learn?**

The RDMLA curriculum focuses on the essential knowledge and skills needed to collaborate effectively with researchers on data management. The curriculum features eight online, self-paced learning units that cover topics such as the foundations of RDM, research culture, advocating and marketing for RDM services, project management, and an overview of RDM tools. The eight units are:

1. Foundations of Research Data Management (RDM)
2. Navigating Research Culture
3. Advocating for RDM in Libraries
4. Launching Data Services
5. Project Management and Assessment
6. Data Analysis and Visualization Tools (R and Tableau)
7. Coding Tools (Python and Jupyter Notebook)
8. Platform Tools (OSF, Figshare, Mendeley, and NIH/NCBI)

The curriculum is based on the results from the training inventory and the Needs Assessment Survey conducted in mid-2018 during Phase I of the program. More information on Phase I research can be found on the RDMLA website (<https://www.rdmla.github.io>).

## • **Who developed RDMLA?**

RDMLA was created by the Research Data Management Librarian Academy Partnership with financial support from Elsevier. It is a unique partnership among libraries, a library school, and an information analytics company.

Partner institutions include: Harvard Medical School, Harvard Library, Simmons University, Boston University, Brown University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences University, Northeastern University, Tufts University, and Elsevier.

- **What is the cost for RDMLA?**

There is no fee associated with taking the individual units.

If a learner is interested, RDMLA has partnered with Simmons University School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) to provide an *optional* offering of three continuing education credits. There is a nominal CE administrative fee assessed by SLIS to take the CE credits test.

- **How do I get access to the RDMLA course?**

The RDMLA is hosted on Canvas Network. To enroll in the course please visit this URL:  
<https://www.canvas.net/browse/simmonsu/courses/research-data-management>

- **How do I get continuing education credits?**

The CE credits assessment test is available for interested learners who have completed the entirety of the RDMLA course (all eight units) and have paid the \$50 USD CE administrative fee. Learners will have two attempts to achieve a passing grade to earn three continuing education credits in the subject of research data management. Successful test-takers will receive a certificate from Simmons SLIS recognizing their CE credits.