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The Research Data Management Librarian Academy is an **online professional development program** for librarians, information professionals, and other professionals who work in a **research-intensive environment** throughout the world.

The curriculum focuses on the **essential knowledge and skills** needed to collaborate effectively with researchers on **data management**, including in institutions of higher learning.
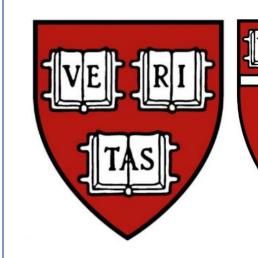
Librarians working in academic settings who complete this program will have an **increased capacity** to address the **growing research data management needs** of their higher learning institutions and to train faculty and researchers on best practices.
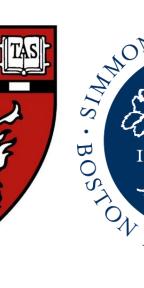
The RDMLA is hosted online on Canvas under CC-BY-NC-SA (Attribution-NonCommerical-ShareAlike) and will go live October 2019.

Unique Partnership

The RDMLA is a **unique partnership** between a library and information sciences academic program, academic health sciences and research libraries, and Elsevier, the program's financial sponsor.

More than 15 academic librarians and Library Information Science (LIS) faculty members have been involved in developing the Academy units.
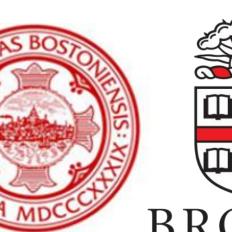
Curriculum

The no-cost RDMLA curriculum consists of eight units. An Assessment Unit will be available in Spring 2020, when the fee-based RDMLA Continuing Education (CE) program opens.

UNIT ONE
Foundations of RDM

UNIT TWO
Navigating Research Culture

UNIT THREE
Advocating for RDM Libraries

UNIT FOUR
Launching Data Services

UNIT FIVE
Project Management and Assessment

UNIT SIX
Data Analysis and Visualization Tools

UNIT SEVEN
Coding Tools

UNIT EIGHT
Platform Tools

RDMLA Community

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Next Steps

- **Usability Testing** of the RDMLA is underway. (Please contact Dr. Rong Tang and Zhan Hu to learn more about the RDMLA UX research project).
- The **Simmons SLIS CE certificate** for participants completing the RDMLA will be available **Spring, 2020.**
- More units, e.g., **Units about Data Ethics and Data Copyright,** will be added to the Academy.
- RDMLA is seeking global collaborations to make the Academy accessible in different languages, as it is available internationally.

Upcoming Events

- The RDMLA will be presented at the **Product Theater Event of ASIS&T 2019; Sunday, October 20, 10:00-11:00 AM**.
- The November 2019 Japan Librarian Fair will include an RDMLA session.
- If you wish to learn more, see the RDMLA website:
  https://rdmla.github.io/home/

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