



What is the RDMLA?

The RDMLA is a free online educational program exploring research data management (RDM) best practices. Developed by a team of librarians and library and information science (LIS) faculty members who want to share their extensive knowledge/skills and promote research data services, the RDMLA consists of eight units which can be taken individually, or as a complete program. All units are available globally and can be accessed online via the Canvas learning management system.

Access the RDMLA: <https://rdmla.github.io/>

Who is it intended for?

RDMLA is open to librarians, information professionals, and other professionals who work in a research-intensive environment throughout the world. Researchers are also welcome, as is anyone with an interest to learn more about research data management. The online units are self-directed and asynchronous, giving learners the opportunity to take the units at a time and pace most convenient for them.

What will I learn?

- Foundations of RDM
- Navigating research data culture
- Advocating and marketing the value of RDM in libraries
- Launching data services in libraries
- Project management and assessment
- Overview of data analysis and visualization tools
- Overview of coding tools
- Overview of platform tools

The curriculum was established based on an international needs assessment, competency scan, and training inventories. Complete results of this background material may be found at: rdmla.github.io/home/

Why has it been created?

The RDMLA was created via a unique partnership among librarians, LIS educators, and an information analytics company (financial sponsor). Partners include librarians from:

- Harvard Medical School's Countway Library of Medicine
- Harvard Library
- Tufts University Health Sciences Library
- Boston University School of Medicine Library
- Northeastern University Library
- Brown University Library
- MCPHS University Library
- Simmons University (School of Library and Information Science and Simmons Online)
- Elsevier

What is the cost?

There is no fee associated with taking the RDMLA program. If participants want to pursue continuing education (CE) credits from Simmons University School of Library and Information Science, there will be a fee required to register to perform an overall assessment test of RDMLA course units. The fee covers administrative costs associated with the CE program.

How can I get started?

To find out more, visit: <https://rdmla.github.io/>