

Research Data Management Institutional Strategy



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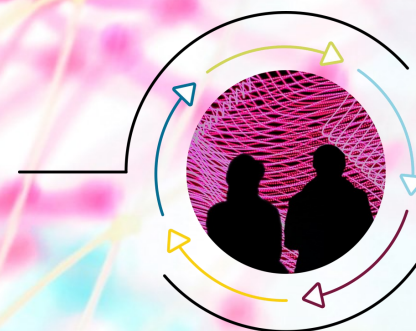
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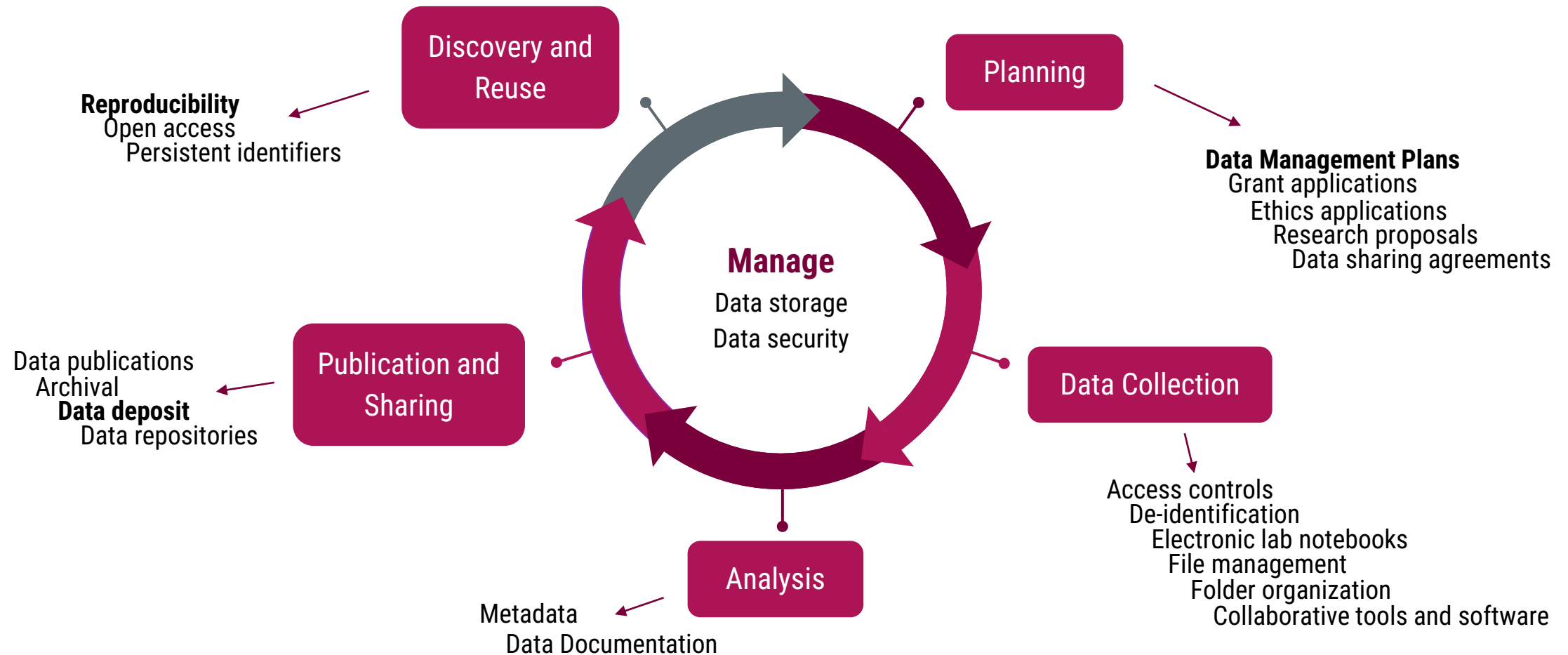
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Meet our presenters



Research Data Management
Institutional Strategy

What is Research Data Management?



RDM Services Support Research + Teaching



Consultations: Available for students, postdocs, faculty, and staff with any RDM-related questions



Class Visits + Course Modules: For graduate and undergraduate levels.



Training: Introductory and focused training workshops [Current events series for 2022-23](#) and [previous recordings available for asynchronous learning](#).



Website: Overview and resources through the research cycle: Secure, Plan, Find, Organize, Store, Publish, and Archive data.



Data Storage Finder: McMaster-specific interactive tool - find a vetted storage provider based on risk, volume, and more.



DMP Assistant: interactive tool for data management plan creation - templates and exportable plans to fulfill grant requirements.

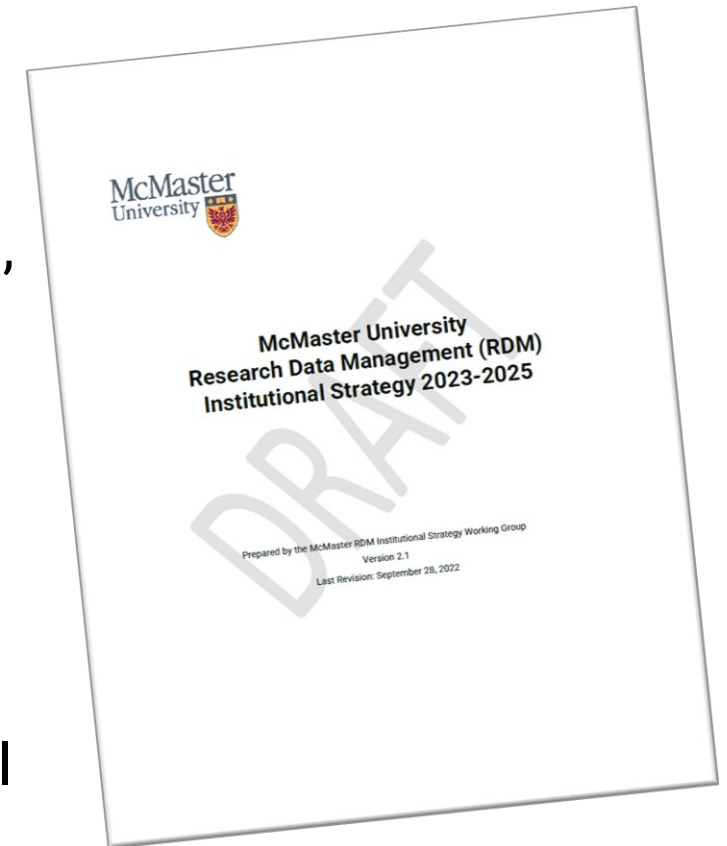


McMaster Dataverse: Institutional data repository for sharing research data. Part of the Canada-wide Borealis Repository.

McMaster's Institutional Strategy For Research Data Management

Vision:

- Support our researchers in producing the **highest quality research**, meeting **disciplinary and funder expectations**, and leading the **adoption of RDM best practices**
- Provide a researcher-focused integrated framework of interconnected and complementary services, infrastructure, policies, practices, guidelines, tools, technologies, training, and support.
- Going beyond the Tri-Agency requirement to build a strategy for all researchers at McMaster



RDM Institutional Strategy Working Group

- The working group was formed in March 2021 as a subcommittee of the Research Information Technology Committee (RITC)
- Membership includes representatives from
 - Research Administration Offices (ROADS, HRS, MILO),
 - Research Ethics Boards (MREB, HiREB),
 - IT units (RHPCS, UTS)
 - Hospital Research Offices (St Josephs, HHS, PHRI),
 - McMaster's Indigenous Research Institute (MIRI)
 - McMaster Libraries (MUL, HSL), and
 - The Faculties of Humanities, Business, Social Science, Engineering, Science, and Health Science.

Institutional Strategy Development Process



An **environmental scan** of RDM services provided by McMaster



An **online survey** of researcher's RDM needs



A series of **focus groups** with researchers, research centres and institutes, and services



A **maturity assessment** of current services and infrastructure using a model built for RDM at universities



Feedback from **over 250 members** of the McMaster research community

Institutional Strategy Principles



Institutional Strategy Stakeholders



Institutional Strategy – Goals + Objectives

Organizational Frameworks

**Governance
and Policy**

**Funding
and Support**

**Culture, Community,
Collaboration**

Services and Training

RDM Practices, Tools, and Infrastructure

**Data Management
Planning**

Data Storage

Indigenous Data

**Data Ethics and
Sensitive Data**

**Data Documentation,
Sharing, Access**

Data Security

**Software and
Applications**

Strategy Development Timeline



Implementation plan for 2023: First steps

Timeline	Action
Q2, 2023	Assemble RDM Steering Committee
Q2-Q3, 2023	Goals, objectives, assessment metrics co-development
Q4, 2023	Campus – engagement and needs evaluation
Q1, 2024	Annual assessment and report to RDM Governance
Q1, 2024	Campus update

Focus Groups

Focus Groups:

- Research-Creation (November 29)
- Qualitative Data (December 6)
- Indigenous Data (December 8)
- Register: u.mcmaster.ca/rdm-strategy-events

Survey: If you wish to share more detailed feedback, you can use this anonymous feedback form (u.mcmaster.ca/rdm-feedback) or contact rdm@mcmaster.ca.