

Research Data Champions program

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This document contains essential information for researchers who are interested in joining the Research Data Champions (RDC) program, which will run from June – December 2022.

This year the RDC program will involve a series of facilitated conversations around good Research Data Management (RDM) practice, including data management planning; research reproducibility; and FAIR data principles. Invited speakers will be drawn from University Research Support offices and partner agencies. There will be also opportunities to share experiences, ask questions and build connections with fellow researchers.

Who is running the program?

The program is coordinated by the Library and managed by the Program Coordinator.

What will I get out of this?

As a Research Data Champion, you will receive:

- Insight into best practice for research data management
- Membership to a group that is passionate about research data
- Relationships with Curtin researchers and support staff
- Opportunities for networking and collaboration (with snacks!)
- Assistance solving research data management problems
- Transferrable skills that look great on your CV

RDCs also get a [personal profile](#) published on the Library website, as well as the respect of their peers. The program is supported by Faculty Research Committees, so you will receive kudos from your faculty.

What is expected of me?

You will be expected to attend regular meetings and be an active participant in discussions. We would love for you to continue the conversation via online channels, but this isn't mandatory. You will become a representative between your school and the broader Curtin research community. This involves promoting good research data management practice and the RDC program to colleagues and other staff.

What are the criteria?

The program is primarily seeking to recruit **academic staff** who are active creators and users of research data.

Specifically, we are seeking someone who is:

- Wanting to learn more about good data management and how it will benefit them, their field, and the University
- Interested in engaging with colleagues and peers about research data management



- Keen to expand their professional network
- Willing to commit the time to attend and participate in discussion sessions, and share information with other RDCs and their faculty
- Keen to be part of an ongoing community of practice around Research Data Management

The program may also accept submissions from **higher degree by research students** who are further along in their studies.

How is the program run?

Prior to the program you will meet with the coordinator to discuss your research interests and what you'd like to learn more about. You will be asked to complete a self-assessment tool to identify your own RDM knowledge gaps and expertise. The results will be used to guide the sessions and guest speakers as well as providing a baseline for evaluation of the program.

The program will consist of monthly meet ups. Each meet up will start with a welcome and a brief talk by an invited speaker. This will be followed by a facilitated conversation about topics of interest to participants. Finally, there will be an opportunity to network informally and get to know each other better. Each meeting will be approximately ninety minutes in length.

There will be opportunities to continue the discussion online between sessions. You will be notified of relevant training opportunities and will have the option to request bespoke RDM workshops for your school.

When does it start?

The program will run from June to December 2022. There will be an opportunity to continue participation with the program in subsequent years.

What is the time commitment?

The main commitment is to attend monthly meetings of approximately 1.5 hours. These will take place in person where possible and online otherwise.

Frequency	Tasks
Before and after the program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet with the coordinator• Complete an online self-assessment
Regularly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ask questions and participate in discussions online• Share news or engagement opportunities
Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend facilitated meetings• Get to know other RDCs and share experiences at meetings
As needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide advice to colleagues• Refer queries to other research support areas• Promote RDC events to colleagues

Want to join the program or find out more?

[Submit your expression of interest](#) by 27 May 2022.

Questions? Email us at ResearchData@curtin.edu.au