Finding Support for Research Data Management (RDM) at the ULS

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Characterizing RDM
• A general term covering how one organizes, stores, shares, and cares for the information used throughout the research lifecycle
• Good practices for RDM practices are important for reasons that include --
  o The need to comply with funder and publisher requirements around data
  o The fragility of data (particularly digital formats) and risk of data loss
  o The value of data as a scholarly product and its role in replicating research

Explore RDM resources
• The ULS has a LibGuide that provides guidance and links to useful resources on RDM. It is a good starting point in thinking about the management of your data!
• DMPTool is a free tool that guides users through the development of data management plans that meet specific funder requirements. Sample DMPs are also available through the DMPTool. Pitt is a DMPTool partner - log-in with your Pitt computing account to access the tool!
• re3data is a registry of data repositories. Locate repositories where you can share your data and access relevant shared datasets.

Consult with us
There are librarians at the ULS who are happy to meet with you for a consultation on RDM!
Contact
ULS-ResearchDataManagement@pitt.edu
for assistance with:
• Creating a data management plan
• Understanding funder and publisher mandates for data management and sharing
• Describing your data
• Choosing sustainable formats
• Locating repositories
• Citing datasets

Arrange for an RDM educational session
Interested in a session for your department, class, or lab on best practices for topics like data management plans and DMPTool or metadata for datasets? Contact the ULS RDM Services Team to discuss and schedule a customized session that meets your needs.