Open Scholarship and Research Impact Challenge

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Project Description

Pitt's Open Scholarship and Research Impact Challenge comprises a two-week calendar of events focused on giving researchers practical tools to make their research more accessible, more reproducible, more connected to the public welfare, and more in line with their personal values.

Each day of the challenge offers:
• Background information and suggested readings
• Asynchronous "learn by doing" activities
• Synchronous office hours with librarians via Zoom
• Modularity, so that participants may focus on as few or as many topics as they wish

Daily topics:
• Kickoff Workshop by HumetricsHSS
• Research metrics
• Online researcher profiles
• Open Access
• Preprints
• Copyright and author rights
• Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs)
• Open Repositories
• Data Management Plans
• Open Educational Resources (OERs)

Context and Background

Open science refers to the philosophy and practice of improving the reproducibility and rigor of scientific research by sharing data, code, protocols, and results.

The project team's goal is to **promote open scholarship across disciplines** and increase the visibility, impact, and reach of a scholar's work.

Figure: Open Scholarship and Research Impact Challenge web site

https://hsls.libguides.com/impactchallenge

Project Outputs

This project will enhance the creation of readily available curriculum and teaching materials that can be reused in future programs and shared publicly for use at other institutions.

A secondary outcome is new visibility for research support services offered by the partners of this project and strengthened relationships between them: the Office of Sponsored Programs, the ULS, and the HSLS.

Impact

We see an opportunity to shift the University of Pittsburgh's academic culture towards openness, accessibility, and meaningful connection with communities beyond the university. Since many of the program activities take time to bear fruit and are most effective when performed on a repeated or ongoing basis, this is not intended to be a "one and done" intervention.

DEI Values

Research impact training is valuable to all scholars, but it can especially increase the visibility of researchers who lack access to alumni networks or influential contacts, have changed their name and pronouns, or who have emigrated.

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