Research Support at University of North Carolina at Greensboro:
Research Support Without a Research and Data Support Coordinator

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Why Reassess Data Services?

• Substantial population – Over 17,000 students and 2,500 faculty and staff
• Substantial activity - Carnegie “high research” classification, $35 million in grants awarded annually
• Increase in data management plan requirements from funding agencies
• 2013 Assessment report showed unmet faculty needs:
  – Data storage
  – Meeting requirements for data sharing
  – Assistance with DMPs
  – Cost estimates for data storage and retrieval
  – Applying metadata to research data
• Loss of dedicated Data Support Librarian position
What Have We Been Doing?

Data Services/Government Info Librarian has been the main point person, with Metadata Cataloger

- Data Management LibGuide
- Consulting with Faculty about Data Services
- Raising awareness of IR (NC DOCKS)
- Interacting with external entities, eg Odum Institute
- Advising on metadata for data sets
Welcome to the Research Data Management Guide!

Data management is the process of managing your data before, during, and after a research project. The effective management of your data ensures that your research is secure, promotes the reuse of your data by other researchers, and assures compliance with federal guidelines.

Research data can be produced through any systematic collection of information for the purpose of analysis. We tend to think of numeric data, but research data can take many different forms, including images, video, sound files, or textual data.

This guide lists resources available at UNCG for managing your data. If you have questions about any of these resources, please contact Lynda Kellam, the Data Services Librarian. You may also make an appointment for a consultation.

- Top Resources Handout

For information about acquiring data sets for secondary data analysis, please see the Data Services: Finding Data guide.

Why Data Management?

Tutorials on Data Management

Lesson 1: Introduction to Data Management
Initiatives

• Identifying and building relationships with campus entities already offering data management services (campus IT, departments, research and grants people)
• Meeting with individual departments to determine:
  – Data management needs
  – Storage and archival practices
  – Data Management Plan procedures
• Enhancing Data Management LibGuide
• Building data services skills in liaisons
• Identifying and recommending storage solutions and best practices
• Exploring Tiered Triage model
Challenges

- No clear campus-wide data support structure
  - Campus-wide services for research integrity, research grants, and some research computing
  - Other services vary by school
- Varying levels of faculty awareness of:
  - Support structures
  - Requirements of funding agencies
  - Best practices for data management
- Some hesitation to share research data
- Substantial staff time and expertise needed
Conclusions

- Data services increasingly important to researchers
- Must assess researcher needs before implementing data support services
- Identify/partner with internal and external entities
- Liaisons can play vital front line advisory role
- Service model must be sustainable
Thank you!

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