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Librarians Working with Institutional Stakeholders to Support Researchers Writing Data Management Plans: Piloting a Research Data Management Curriculum

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Overview

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The New England Collaborative Data Management Curriculum

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Participant Responses from the Launch

Now I think of the data lifecycle as cyclical instead of linear

I now understand the risks associated with data sharing and storage applications

I never would have guessed something so small as a date format could affect the accessibility of my data!

Wow, someone requested data even after 6 years!

I’d never considered granting a level of access to my data…

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How Is NECDMC Being Used?

- Prof. Dev. Workshop for Librarians
- Full day class for Oregon State Students
- Seven Weekly Workshops for Faculty, Staff, and Students
- Credit Course for Researchers
- Graduate Student Instruction Course
- One-Hour Overture Library Class
- Semester LIS Course

Participants Suggestions for Improving NECDMC

- Specific examples of metadata preparation
- Details of where people should go for help
- RDM responsibilities (PI, students, etc.)
- Local tools, policies, and support available
- Discussions about quality control
- Specifics on sharing
- Specifics on depositing data

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