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BACKGROUND

Many libraries have existing services to provide support for data management requirements and for compliance of the NIH Public Access Policy. In 2014, federal agencies began releasing their implementation plans in response to the 2013 Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) Increasing Access to the Results of Federally Funded Research policy memorandum. As a result, new requirements for a growing number of federal agencies surfaced. These include data management and publication aspects of the research data management lifecycle.

METHODS

The UA Public Access Working Group was established in mid-2016
• Charged by the UAL Vice Dean
• Appointed members:
  – Ahlam Saleh, Research Librarian, UAL (provides support for NIH Public Access Policy compliance)
  – Chris Kollen, Data Curation Librarian, UAL
  – Dan Lee, Director of Office of Copyright and Scholarly Communication, UAL
  – Scott Pryor, Training Manager, Research Partnership Services, RDI
  – Lori Schultz, Senior Director, Research Partnership Services, RDI

Scheduled regular monthly meetings
Conducted environmental scan
Drew on experience of existing campus support for data management plan requirements and NIH Public Access Policy compliance

RESULTS

Created quick guides for the top agencies with the most funding for grants at UA: NIH, NSF, DOE, NASA (Figure 3)

Figure 3: Quick Guide

Updated the existing federally funded research requirements table which is on the data management website (Figure 4)

Figure 4: Federally Funded Research Requirements Table

OBJECTIVES

In early 2016, two campus units at the University of Arizona (UA) collaborated to address how the university can help researchers with the new growing federal agency mandates.

• University of Arizona Libraries (UAL)
• Office of Research, Discovery & Innovation (RDI)

NEXT STEPS

Augment communication strategies (e.g., email department heads and deans directly)
Develop quick guides for other agencies and funding bodies of high interest
Consider scheduling additional information sessions
Plan for the development of an overview video
Pursue campus interest in establishing an open science ecosystem at UA (RDI proposal)
• Open Science Committee charge drafting in progress (RDI & UAL)
• Committee member composition under consideration include representatives from the following groups: Information Technology, Research Faculty, UAL, and RDI

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