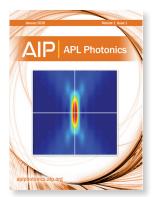


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Benjamin Eggleton, Australian Research Council (ARC) Laureate Fellow and Professor of Optical Physics in the School of Physics at the University of Sydney, earned his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Sydney in 1996. In 2003 he became founding Director of the ARC Centre for Ultrahigh Bandwidth Devices for Optical Systems (CUDOS).

With a Web of Science h-index of 58, Dr. Eggleton has published more than 400 journal papers that have been cited over 14,000 times. He was President of the Australian Optical Society, has served as Editor-in-Chief for *Optics Communications* (2007-2015), and he currently serves on the Board of Governors for the IEEE Photonics Society.



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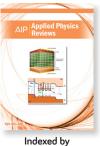
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RESEARCH DATA MANAGEMENT: ROLES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHYSICAL SCIENCES LIBRARIANS

Scientists at academic and government institutions and businesses are generating data at unprecedented levels, at an increasingly accelerated pace, and with consistently decreasing costs – the era of BIG DATA has arrived! Research Data Management (RDM) means new opportunities for librarians and information professionals across all subject disciplines.

Skills that physical sciences librarians already have can be leveraged to support effective RDM Researchers can be overwhelmed by the sheer volume of data and how to organize, analyze, and share it in meaningful ways, which in many cases is mandated by institutional and government funding agencies. **Librarians can help**. For those of you who would like to take on this challenge, your training, experience, and talent for problem solving have prepared you to take on the proactive role of "informationist."

Whether an RDM program is initiated by the library or results from a request from the research community, a

librarian with subject discipline knowledge is typically embedded within a research group, working hands-on with its data. This brings the "power of the librarian" right into the scientists' environment and leverages library expertise.

Here are just some of the ways in which librarians can make significant contributions to the RDM process:

- Get involved in the project as early as you can.
- Help create the data management plan.
- Recommend tools and resources so data can be easily organized and shared and fulfill compliance requirements.
- Guide mindful data and metadata collection.
- Develop and contribute computational and statistical expertise for data analysis.
- Find data for reuse and new uses for existing data.
- Find appropriate standards so that metadata use is interoperable and data can be shared more easily.
- Support efforts to archive, place data in repositories, and preserve data from threats.

Two valuable resources that focus on helping researchers understand how to effectively manage their data are:

- DCC (Digital Curation Center) Provides expert advice and practical help to anyone in UK higher education and research wanting to store, manage, protect, and share digital research data. www.dcc.ac.uk
- DMP Tool (Data Management Plan Tool) Guides researchers on how to create, review, and share data management plans that meet institutional and funder requirements. https://dmp.cdlib.org

There's no doubt that Big Data is a *big deal* and will continue to grow. Perhaps your physical sciences research community is already benefiting from RDM programs in which librarians are actively involved. It's a win-win: Libraries contribute directly to driving research forward and receive recognition from the administration. Librarians use current expertise in new ways, develop new skills, and position themselves for career advancement.

Want to find out more?

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