New Roles for the 21st Century: The Research Informationist

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The Research Informationist

- What is an informationist?
- My path to becoming a research informationist
- The role of the research informationist in practice
- Core competencies for informationists
- Considerations for planning a new informationist program
What is an Informationist?
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Embedded in clinical or research setting
What is an Informationist?

Subject matter knowledge
What is an Informationist?

“What Traditional” library skills and knowledge
Becoming an Informationist
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campus need

teaching experience

science education

data training

support from admin.
Roles for Informationists
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Connector
Roles for Informationists

Information organizer
Roles for Informationists

Expert searcher
Roles for Informationists

Research team member
Core Competencies
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Plan
Collect
Publish
Share
Manage

Research Data
Life Cycle

Familiarity with data practices
Core Competencies

Familiarity with scholarly communication and licensing issues
Core Competencies

Knowledge of grant funders and their policies
Core Competencies

Awareness of research practices in the field
Core Competencies

Ability to understand subject matter knowledge
Core Competencies

Innovative and willing to take risks
Considerations
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Start with smaller research groups
Considerations

Plan for sustainability
Considerations

Outreach is key
Considerations

Allow (and encourage!) innovation and risk-taking
Questions?

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