ARL-CARL Joint Task Force on Research Data Services

Purpose

The purpose of the ARL-CARL Joint Task Force on Research Data Services is twofold: (1) to demonstrate and commit to the roles research libraries have in stewarding research data and as part of institution-wide research support services in meeting the recommendations and principles of open science and (2) to guide the development of resources for the ARL and CARL memberships to advance their organizations as collaborative partners with respect to research data services in the context of FAIR principles and open science by design.

Charge

The objectives of the ARL-CARL Joint Task Force on Research Data Services are to:

1. Develop a shared understanding amongst the ARL and CARL members of the roles of research libraries in the research data ecosystem.
2. Develop a roadmap with recommendations for the roles of research libraries with regard to research data principles, policies, and approaches to managing research data in the context of the Open Science by Design Framework and recommendations.
3. Develop guidance for research libraries and to represent research libraries' work with policy makers. This will include strategies for discipline and problem-specific research data approaches; priorities for automation of processes, economic models to scale and sustain shared resources, prioritization of research data to steward, and decision-making rubrics.
4. Partner with critical campus and organizational institutions to implement the roadmap and guidance.

Membership

- The task force shall be chaired by an ARL director appointed by the ARL and CARL Executive Directors.
- The task force is composed of 8 members of ARL and/or CARL directors.
- The Executive Director appoints a staff lead.
- The task force reports to the Scholars and Scholarship Committee.

- There are three working groups that report to the task force: Federal, National, and Transnational Policy; Stakeholders and Partners; and Institutional Strategies. Each working group is composed of 5 to 6 staff from ARL and/or CARL member institutions.

Terms

The task force will last for one year, from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Meetings

The task force will meet monthly, with a mid-month check in with the chair and staff.

Areas of Responsibility

- Creates a roadmap/report with findings and recommendations for research libraries:
    - **Findings**: What we know, what's working, what's been recommended by external stakeholders (see ARL-CNI-EDUCAUSE work), and what's in process with partners (OSTP, AAU-APLU, Canadian Open Science Roadmap)
        - Case studies, exemplars, models
    - **Recommendations** will be evidence-based and speak to institutional relationships, partnerships with policy-makers and funding agencies, discipline-specific approaches, priorities for automations of processes, economic models, and decision-making rubrics for data stewardship
    - **Measures of progress** on the work over time with respect to impact on the research enterprise.
- This roadmap/report, in addition to its specific recommendations, will serve as a high level communication tool within institutions and with partners on research libraries' behalf.
- The Task Force will achieve these objectives and deliverables in consultation with research library leaders/directors, leaders among the data librarian community, funders, and more.

Decision-Making

The committee makes recommendations to the Scholars and Scholarship Committee and, as appropriate, to the Executive Director.

Code of Conduct

The committee adheres to the ARL Code of Conduct in all of its deliberations and activities.

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