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Reflecting on the role of DS Centres in building comprehensive digital research support

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CNI Directions in Digital Scholarship

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**Sherman Centre for
Digital Scholarship**



DRCP

**Digital Research
Commons Pilot**



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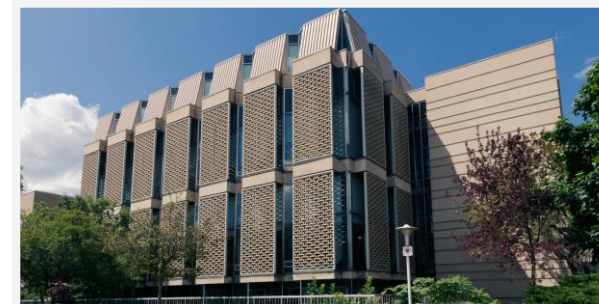
SC Sherman Centre for DS Digital Scholarship

Vision

“A campus-wide resource that fosters library/faculty collaboration in interdisciplinary digital research and scholarship”

Activities

- ❖ We **support** all forms of digital scholarship through consultation, instruction, and technical support.
- ❖ We **engage** with and bring together communities through programming.
- ❖ We **promote** resource sharing through collaboration.
- ❖ We **maintain** platforms for open scholarship, digital preservation, and knowledge dissemination.





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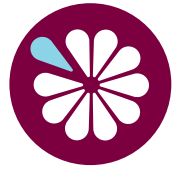
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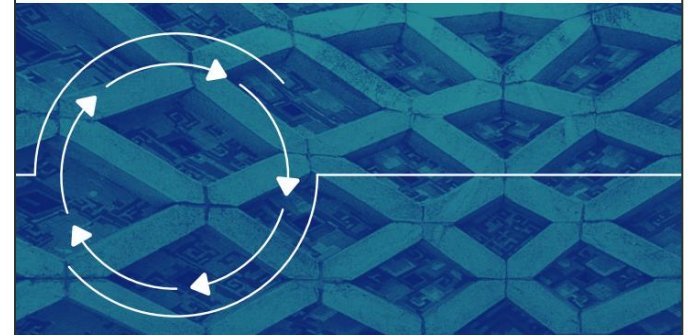


McMaster's RDM Institutional Strategy

Vision

- ❖ Support our researchers in producing the highest quality research, meeting disciplinary and funder expectations, and leading the adoption of RDM best practices
- ❖ Provide a researcher-focused integrated framework of interconnected and complementary services, infrastructure, policies, practices, guidelines, tools, technologies, training, and support
- ❖ Meets the Tri-Agency requirement for institutions to have an RDM policy
- ❖ Link to Strategy: <https://rdm.mcmaster.ca/rdm-strategy>

McMaster University
Research Data
Management (RDM)
Institutional Strategy
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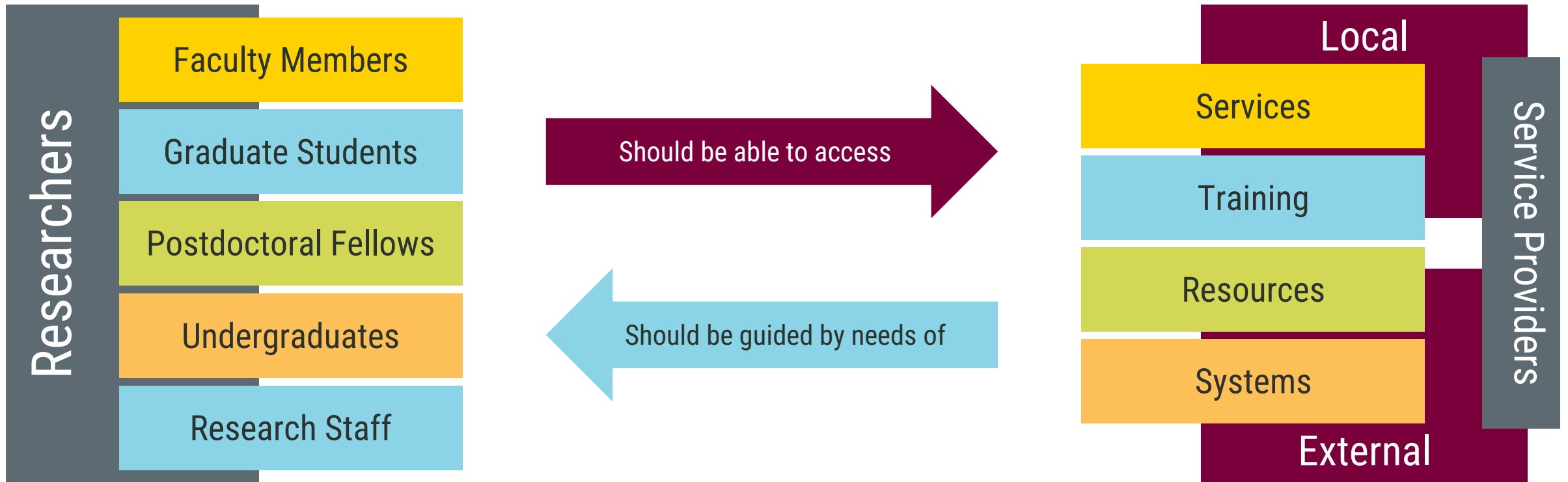
A 3-Year Provost-funded project; co-sponsored by the Office of the VPR, the University Library, and the Office of the AVP & CTO.

Vision

To build a more connected, capable, and researcher-focused approach to digital research support, which will improve access to systems, services, software, and training for researchers across the institution.

Leads

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- ❖ Angela Di Nello – Digital Research Commons Pilot (DRCP)
- ❖ Ranil Sonnadara - **Office of the VPR**



Mission

The DRCP will **build into and around** existing digital research support, so that:

- ❖ Researchers can easily find and use the services, systems, training, and resources they need to succeed in their research.
- ❖ Service providers and support units can collaborate to identify support gaps and develop complementary and shared services that meet the diverse needs across campus.



The DRCP Team

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Parting thoughts



**Once you have
capacity, coordination
and communication
are critical.**

**Facilitating community
and collaboration takes
time and intentionality.**

**Keeping it
research-centric.**

Thank you

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DRCP: askresearch.mcmaster.ca