

# The Simplified Data Management Plan Template

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# Agenda

- Data Management Plans
- Benefits and Barriers of DMPs
- Essential Components
- The Digital Research Alliance of Canada Simplified Template

# The Research Data Life Cycle



# What is a Data Management Plan (DMP)

- A formal, but living document detailing your data management strategies and tools
- Allows you to manage your data before, during, and after your data collection phase
- A standardized document to include in your grant application

# Benefits of a DMP

- Increased awareness and attention paid to data collection
- Improved data organization
  - File naming and versioning, other metadata
- Greater potential for data retention and sharing
- DMP as discussion tool

# Common DMP Barriers

- Time required to complete
- Too generalized / Not enough discipline specific templates
- Not having all the answers
- Finish it and forget it mentality

# “I don’t need to make a DMP, but need to talk about RDM”

- You can use simplified template questions, or
- Focus on (as applicable):
  - Ethics and legal compliance
  - Storage and Backup
  - Sharing and Reuse
  - Documentation and Metadata

# DMP Templates - Simplified Template

- Designed to be attached to Tri-Agency funding opportunities where DMPs are mandatory
  - [List of Funding Opportunities Requiring DMPs](#)
- Should be no more than 3 pages
- Five broad questions
- The first step not the final step
- [Digital Research Alliance of Canada Simplified Template \(Funding Application Stage\)](#)
- [DMP Assistant](#)



# Archer Services

- Reviewing and advising on DMPs
- Assisting with DMP Tool
- Finding templates and exemplars of DMPs

Questions?

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