LIBER Webinar

TU Delft's Data Stewardship Project

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Where is TU Delft? (Delft University of Technology)





TU Delft - statistics (2017)

Research intensive:

11th top beneficiary of H2020 funding

8 Faculties

5,000 employees

including PhD students

23,500 students



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Why Openness?

Transparency and openness go together with research reproducibility

Love the quote from @Protohedgehog: "The opposite of open science is not closed science - it is BAD science" - so be a good scientist! #dies2018

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2015: Open Science Roadshows at TU Delft



Open Science sounds good... But we don't want more work! We need dedicated support!

Let us see what we can do about it!



Annemiek van der Kuil



Anke Versteeg



Alastair Dunning



Leadership's reaction...



Karel Luyben, Rector Magnificus at TU Delft (at that time) If researchers need support, let's support them!
Let's hire Data Stewards!



Good data management is a necessary prerequisite to Open Science & reproducible research





Strategic support for Data Stewardship

Central funding to kick-start Data Stewardship at TU Delft 3 years: start of 2018 - end of 2020



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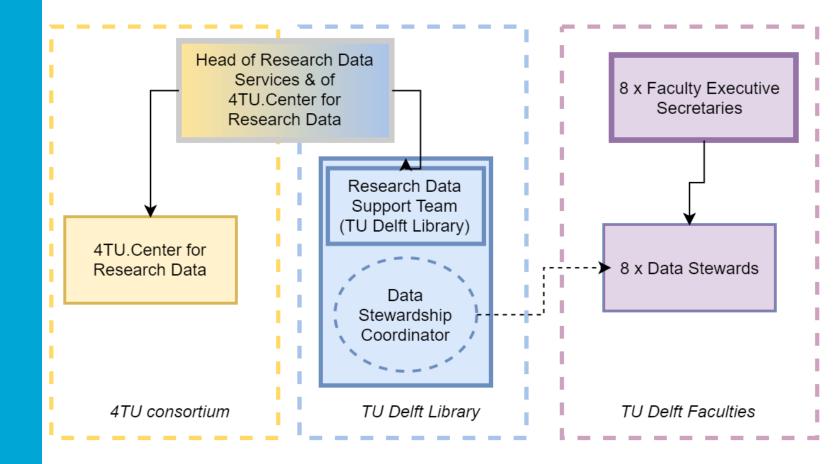
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RDM support at TU Delft





Key principles behind the project

Research is central

Data stewards are consultants, not police!

Objective: improve culture (not compliance)





Research is central: importance of disciplinary support

Subject-specific Data Steward at every Faculty





Training in data management provided:

https://openworking.wordpress.com/2017/09/18/training-for-data-stewards/

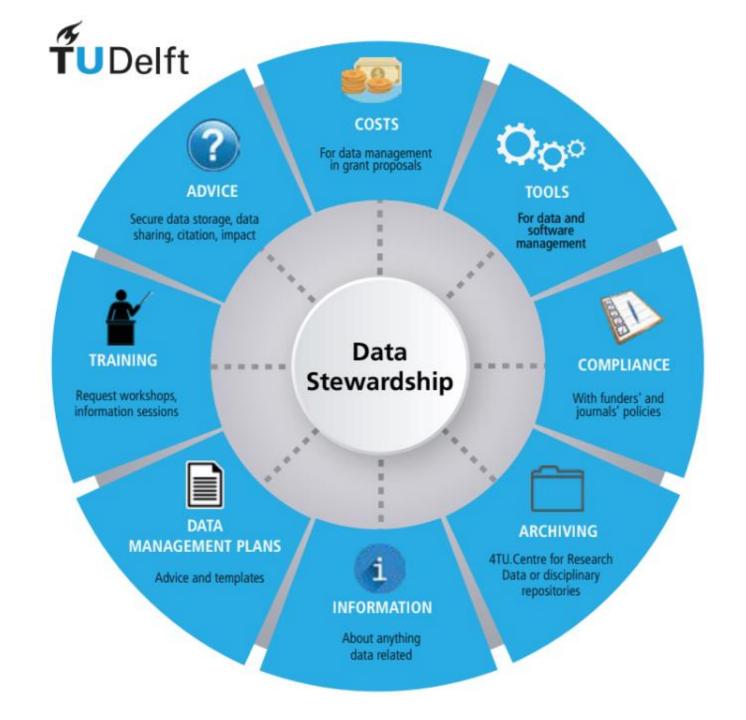
What do the Data Stewards do?



First contact points for any data questions

Referral to specialists as needed







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The importance of team building



- -Team, not a group of individuals
- -Peer support network, practice exchange
- -Personal and professional development



Recruitment and retention

How do you find people, who are not only disciplinary specialist, but also excellent communicators and politicians?

Job description: http://bit.ly/2x0706z

How do you retain these people?



Costs

Data Stewards come with a PhD degree Postdoc salary

8 x 65k Euro (1.0 FTE) = 515k Euro/year

Just for the salary of data stewards



Are we achieving cultural change?

Is your research data automatically backed up?





Jasper van Dijck Data Steward



We are just starting... What's next?...



Karel Luyben, ex-Rector Magnificus at TU Delft

"...coming back to the data stewards (...) we are by far not having enough of them. At the moment we're aiming at one per faculty, but in my believe and feeling we need at least one per department."

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Three take away messages:

- 1. The importance of senior management support (policy, initial investment)
- 2. What is a good value for money when it comes to achieving cultural change?
 Dedicated project to look into this as part of the Research Data Alliance
- 3. Team building and people are key



Time for questions





Project updates: https://openworking.wordpress.com/data-stewardship/

QUESTIONS?

Type your questions in the chat box.

Rob Grim (moderator) will select and pose the questions to speakers.



Thank you!

Slides and a recording will be sent shortly to everyone who registered for the webinar.



