

Data Agents: How to put research data management into practice?

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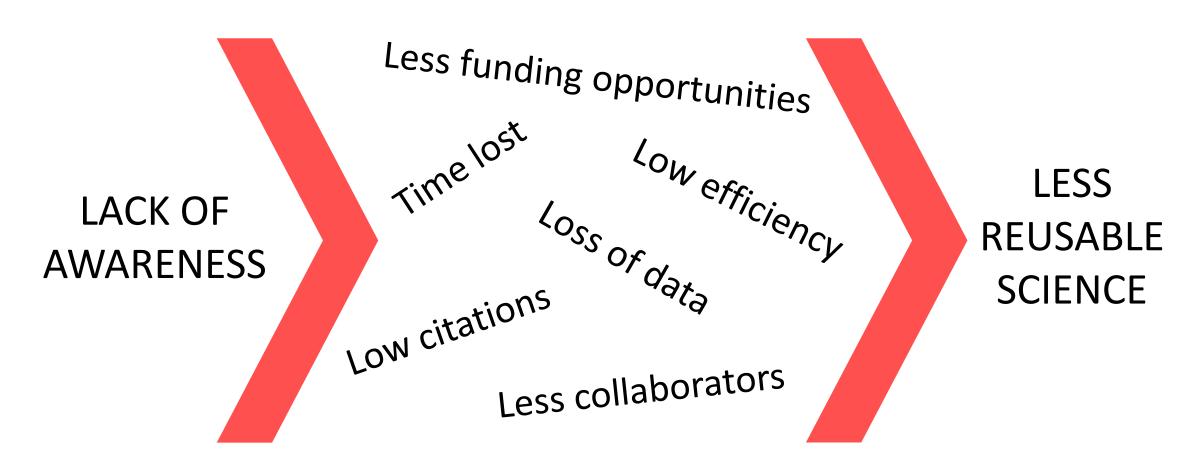
Introduction

Research data management (RDM) covers a series of practices which build on each other:



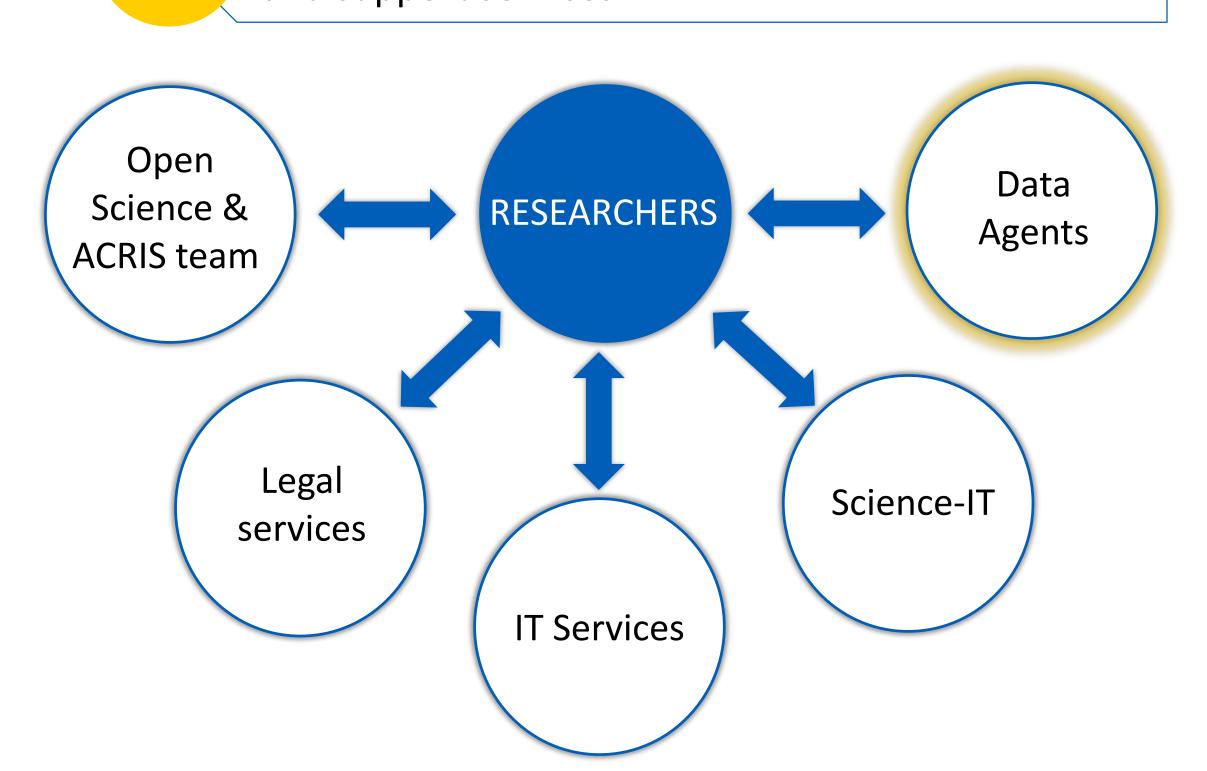
Current RDM issues

Lack of awareness, the foundation of the RDM pyramid, makes the upper layers shaky. This, in turn, leads to less high-quality reusable science.



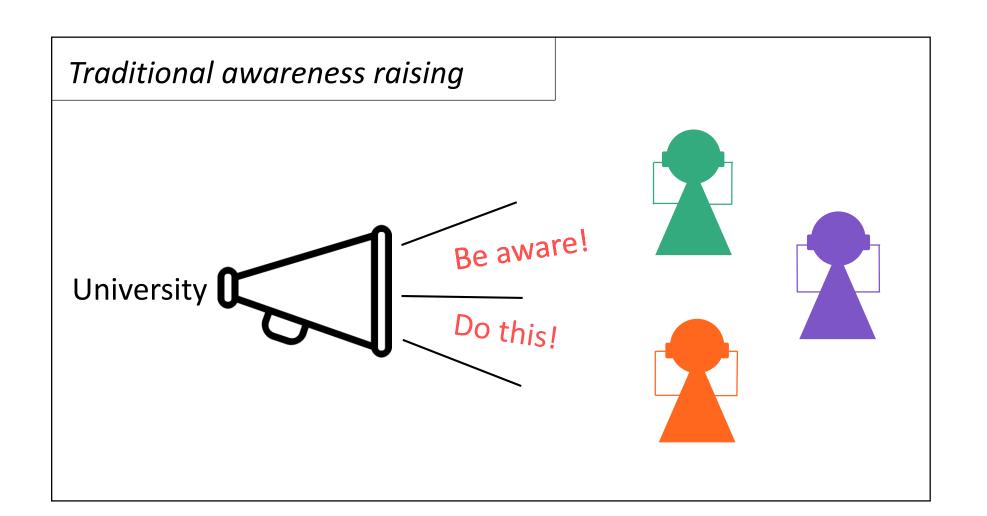
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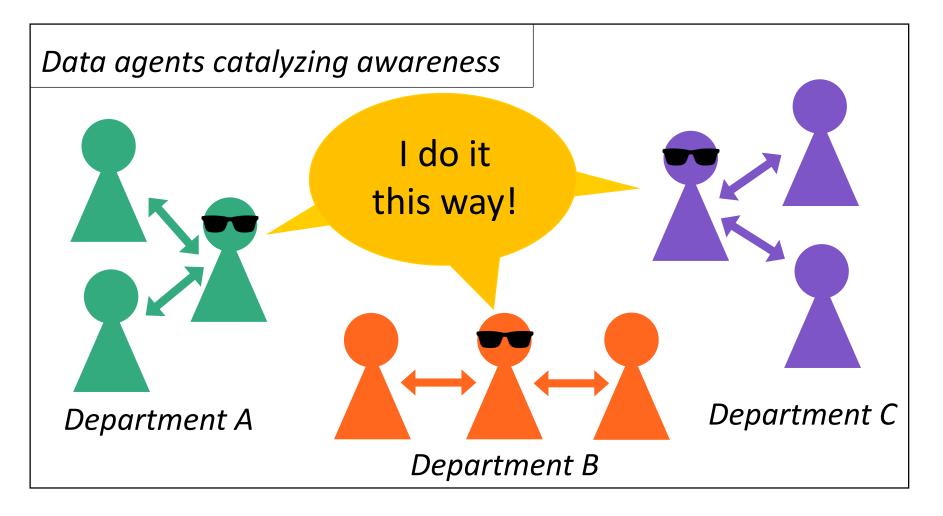
- To incorporate RDM into selected courses
- To produce an RDM toolkit for incoming researchers
- To enhance the connection between researchers and support services



Data Agents: catalyzing awareness

Data Agents are researchers who support their colleagues in their departments. The salary cost of data agents is partly compensated to the departments by the university.





Goals & Achievements

Data agents are co-operating with university support teams to:



Identify the RDM needs of the researchers



Promote sustainable data storage practices



Ensure documentation to guarantee the reproducibility of the data



Help in publishing data in repositories

Data agents have created

Handouts and cheatsheets

Video instructions

Trainings and presentations

Personal support sessions