INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGIES

This guide presents an overview of a research data management (RDM) institutional strategy. Shared responsibility for creation and implementation is determined by the institution.

WHAT IS AN INSTITUTIONAL STRATEGY?

- A concise directive document
- Not a formal policy
- Outlines a plan to increase capacity for effective RDM

WHY CREATE ONE?

- Meets the first requirement of the Tri-Agency RDM Policy
- Promotes adherence to existing and forthcoming RDM policies and statements
- Provides researchers with sustainable support and solutions in adoption of sound data management practices

OBJECTIVES

- Promotes research excellence through the adoption of good data management practices
- Supports institutions in evaluating and articulating their current capacity
- Identifies changes and investments necessary to comply with policies and other requirements
- Defines a roadmap towards institutional capacity
- Ensures appropriate storage, retention and availability of research data

MAIN COMPONENTS

- Raising institutional awareness of research data stewardship
- Assessing institutional readiness
- Formalizing RDM practices through guidelines and/or an institutional policy statement
- Building a roadmap for implementation

WHERE DO WE START?

- At the Portage website
- Review Portage Guidance document
- Use Strategy Template as a guide
- Consult available resources, e.g. existing strategies and roadmaps.