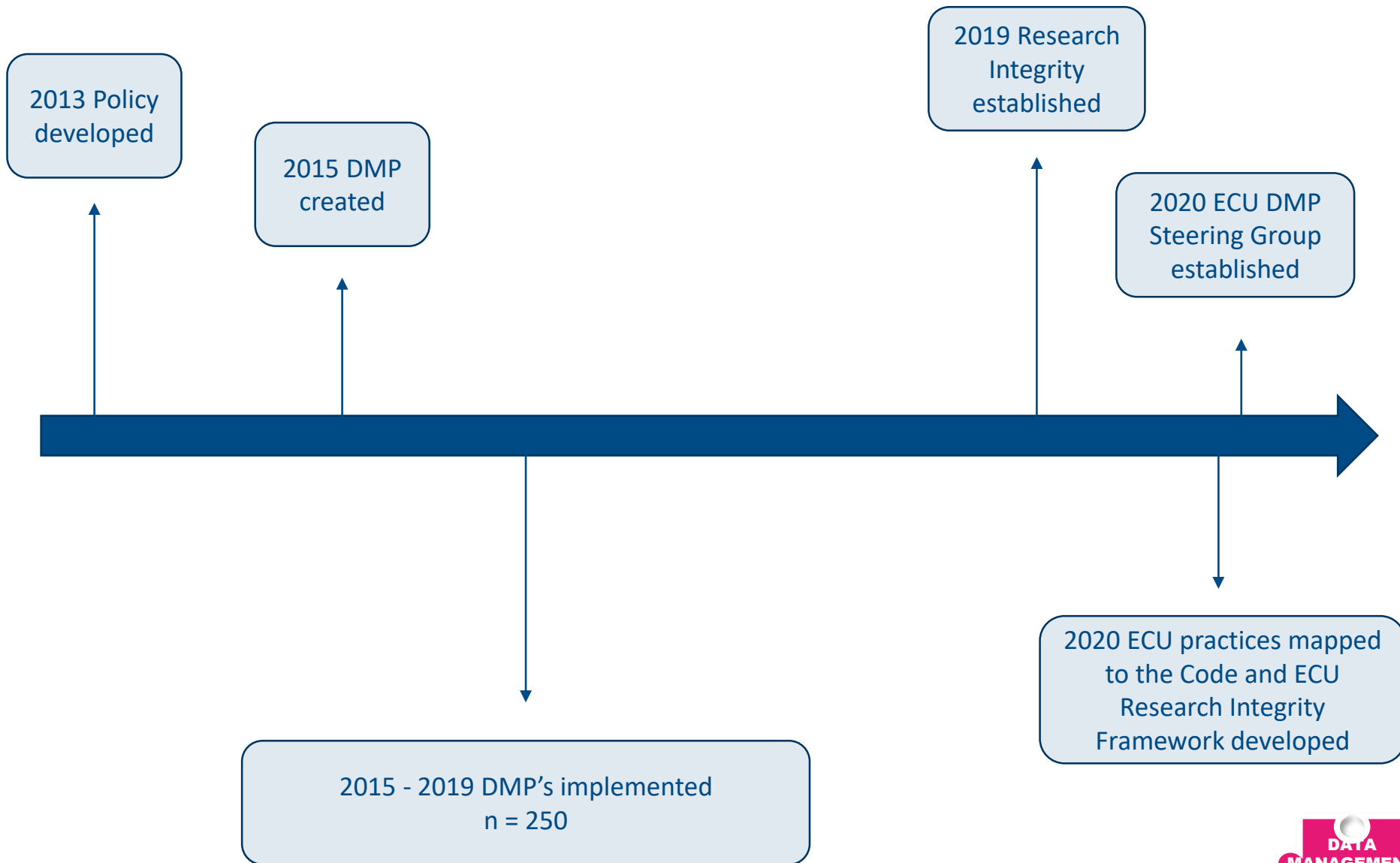


# Data Management Planning at ECU



# History of the data management journey at ECU



# The actual experience 2015 - 2020



DATA MANAGEMENT  
POLICY IN PLACE



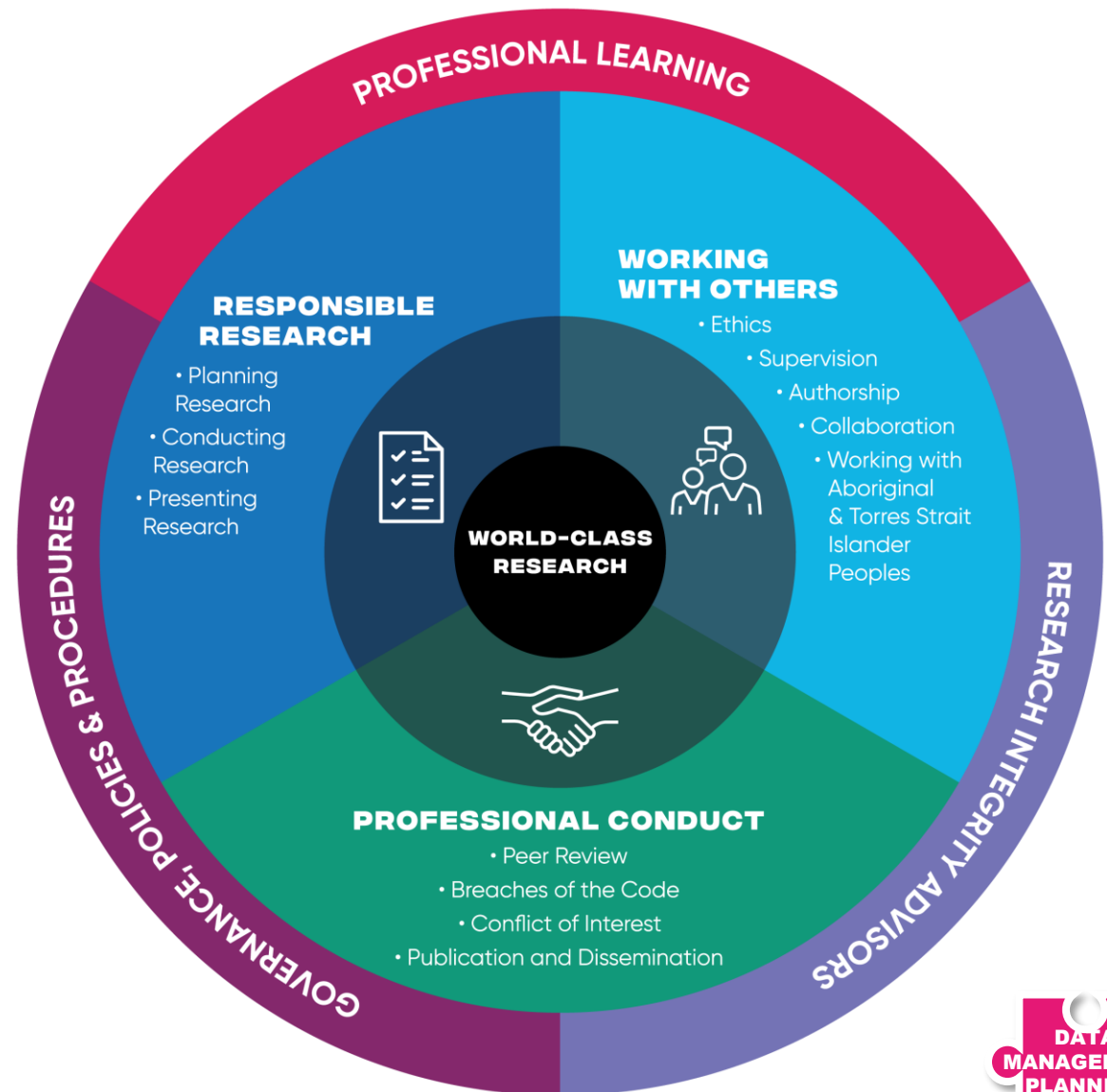
PAPER-BASED DMP



POOR COMPLIANCE

250 DMP's  
completed in  
5 years

ECU has developed a formal approach to reflect our alignment and application of *the Code*.



In order for ECU to discharge its duties to store, retain and reuse the data according to laws and best practice standards, researchers must advise institutions:

- what data they have;
- who can access it;
- where it is being stored;
- how it is secured;
- how it will be retained post-project; and
- if the data can be reused.





Data Management Steering Group  
Research Services, IT, Information Security, Information Management, Library & Researchers



Oversight of data management formally delegated to Research Services with input from the Steering Group



Data Management Conceptual Framework co-developed grounded in best practice



Data Management Plan questions developed



Data Management Plan integrated into Research Ethics Management System



## DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPONENTS



Data  
Characteristics



Storage and  
Security



Retention



Access and  
Reuse



## Data Characteristics



Describing the features and identifying attributes of the data you are collecting or generating as part of your research.

### Questions

- Sensitive Data
- Data collection dates
- Data identifiability
- Genomic research

## Storage and Security



Identifying processes to safely and securely store your research data.

### Questions

- Centrally provisioned storage
- Data format
- Digital storage and file size

## Retention



Outlining the ongoing storage and archiving requirements of the research data after the project has been completed to ensure federal and state compliance.

### Questions

- Anticipated retention dates
- Retention period

## Access and Reuse



Considering the benefits of making the research data openly accessible and discoverable, including the potential for future reuse of the data by yourself and other researchers.

### Questions

- Additional access requirements
- Data sharing intentions
- Future use of data



# How does this work at ECU?



All research at ECU should be first tested in the Research Ethics Management System (REMS) to determine if ethical review is required



For all research, regardless of whether ethical review is required, a data management plan will then be created within REMS

# Congratulations, you have completed a DMP – now what?

Research  
Services



DMP information securely stored in SharePoint



Notifies IT if additional security or space required



Notifies Library if data are to be shared in the repository



Notifies Information Management of retention-ready date



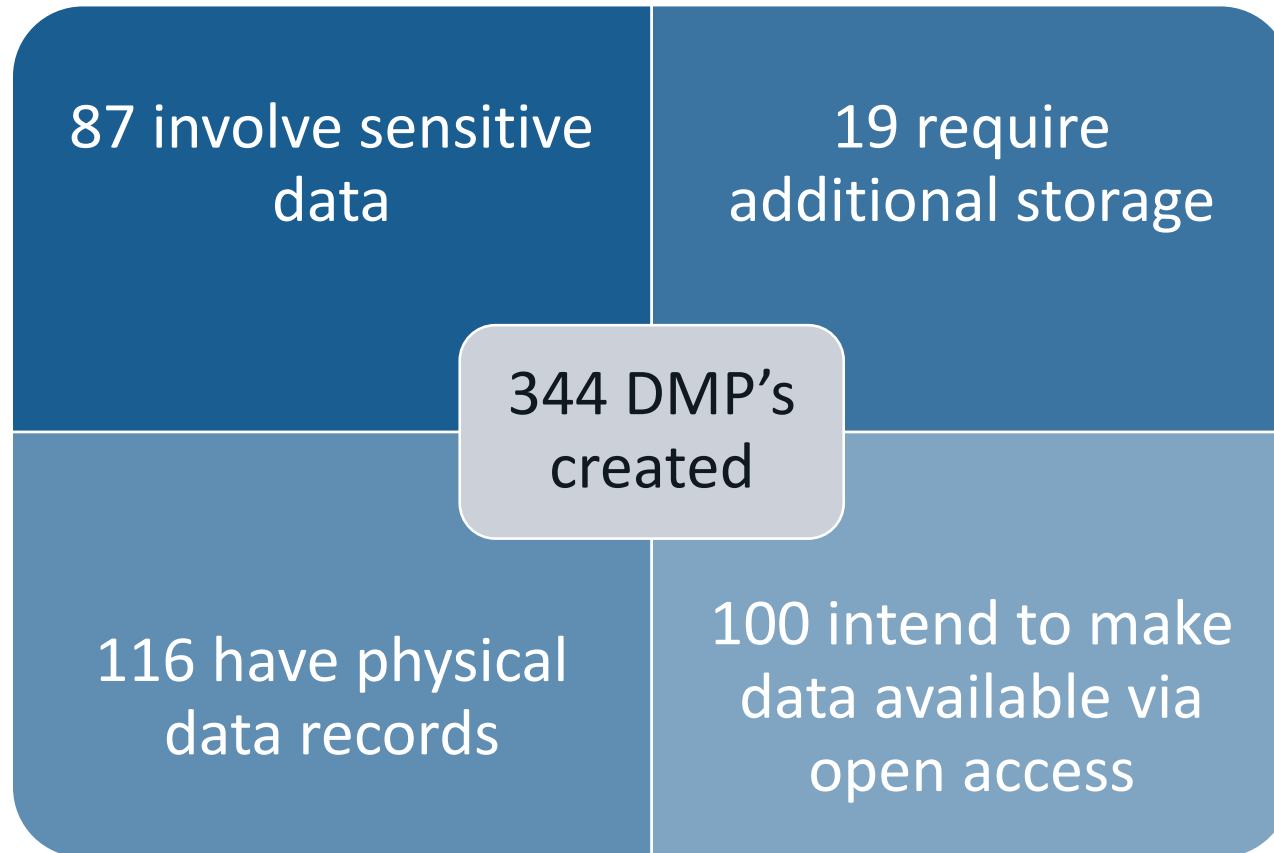
Allocates secure SharePoint storage for all research records



DMP can be modified by a researcher at any time

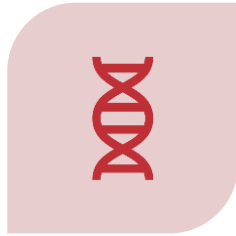


Sends reminders when data are retention ready



# All new research data at ECU is now:

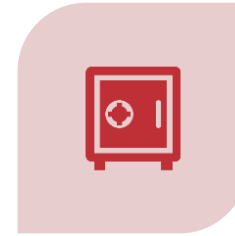
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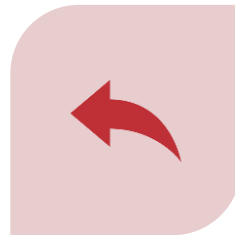
KNOWN



MANAGED



SECURED



RETAINED



REUSABLE

Clear leadership



Shared vision



Integrated, automated, online DMP



Provide real-time information to relevant service centres to best support ECU researchers to effectively manage their data



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