Would you like to become a Data Champion?

We are looking for people who would like to volunteer to become Data Champions within their departments, institutes and colleges to provide local expertise about Research Data Management (RDM) issues.

Who can become a Data Champion?

Anyone interested in research data management and sharing who would like to become the local expert on RDM. We welcome researchers, students, librarians, IT managers, data managers, other members of staff and anyone with a keen interest in RDM.

What will be required of me?

You will be asked to:

- Run at least one workshop on research data management per year to your local community.
  - Note that support will be provided - see below
- Act as a local expert on RDM for your community:
  - Provide advice to researchers in your organisation
- Forward questions to the Research Data Team when needed
- Advocate for good RDM practice in your organisation and at local meetings
- Act as an RDM representative for your community:
  - Represent your organisation at the University of Cambridge Data Champions Forum meeting once every two months

What are the benefits of becoming a Data Champion?

There are multiple benefits of joining the University of Cambridge Data Champions Forum:

- Grow your networks:
  - Get to know people interested in RDM from other Cambridge departments, institutes and colleges
- Learn new skills:
  - Learn how to create and deliver workshops
  - Learn how to communicate effectively
  - Learn tips and tricks about creating engaging presentations
  - Learn more about RDM and the support available for researchers
- Increase your impact:
  - Become the advocate for RDM needs of your local community
  - Be the local expert on RDM
  - Become more visible by having your Data Champion profile created on the University of Cambridge Data Champions Forum website
- Boost your CV with an excellent extracurricular activity

Will there be any support provided?

There will be a wide range of support available:

- Support with preparation of RDM workshop:
    - A standard RDM workshop already exists. Your role will be to tailor the content (language and examples) to reflect the needs of your community
- Training on how to deliver workshops
- University of Cambridge Data Champions Forum:
    - You will be a member of the University of Cambridge Data Champions Forum which will meet every two months to discuss any RDM-related issues and successes
- Contact with the Research Data Team at the Office of Scholarly Communications and the University's Research Data Management Working Group
    - You can ask questions of the Research Data Team at any time
    - You will have the opportunity to make recommendations for changes and improvements to RDM support and infrastructure within the University of Cambridge via the RDM Working Group

How to become a Data Champion?

The initial round of recruitment for data champions has now closed. We will get in touch with everyone who applied by 24th October 2016 to organise the first Data Champions Forum meeting and start preparing for the RDM workshops and gathering ideas for our website.

We hope to reopen recruitment in the future and will announce this via our website.