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University News

From the Health Sciences Library: Sharing Data through the Pitt Data Catalog

Do you have data that you would be willing to share with qualified colleagues, but aren't ready to go into a public repository? Do you have datasets in a repository and want more people to find your research? If so, you may want to include your dataset in the Pitt Data Catalog, a new platform from the Health Sciences Library System for sharing and discovering datasets created at the University of Pittsburgh. Just like a library catalog, the Pitt Data Catalog describes datasets and provides access instructions, but does not host the datasets themselves—so you, the researcher, maintain final control over your data.

To get started, contact the Data Services Team at HSLSDATA@pitt.edu or visit the Pitt Data Catalog website.

From the Research Conduct and Compliance Office: National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Trial Funding Applications - Information Dissemination Plan

The NIH now requires a written plan for compliance with the NIH Policy on the Dissemination of NIH-Funded Clinical Trial Information in all applications for clinical trial funding. Guidance is available as part of a new FAQ on the University of Pittsburgh Office for ClinicalTrials.gov website (FAQ: How do I complete the Dissemination Plan section of the PHS Human Subjects and Clinical Trials Information Form in NIH funding applications?).

Funding Agency Updates

NIH Releases Strategic Plan for Data Science

On June 5, 2018, the NIH released its first Strategic Plan for Data Science to capitalize on the opportunities presented by advances in data science. The plan describes NIH's overarching goals, strategic objectives, and implementation tactics for promoting the modernization of the NIH-funded biomedical data science ecosystem.

The NIH plans to implement this strategy over the course of the next year and will continue to seek community input during the implementation phase.

NIH Announces Stipend and Benefit Increases for National Research Service Award (NRSA) Recipients

NIH NRSA stipends are being increased by two percent for undergraduate, predoctoral, and postdoctoral trainees and fellows for NRSA awards made on or after October 1, 2017.

Please see the NIH Notice NOT-OD-18-175 and the Open Mike post for the new amounts and additional details.

Other Updates

Grant Writing Workshop offered at Carnegie Mellon University

On July 12-13, Carnegie Mellon University will be hosting a Professional Grant Development Workshop sponsored by The Grant Training Center. Participants are expected to learn how to:

1. Navigate the world of grant procurement
2. Research and identify potential funding sources
3. Address the guidelines of federal and foundation applications
4. Find foundation and corporate giving for the state of Pennsylvania
5. Understand the new federal guidelines for writing winning grants
6. Know the review process and how to address key points for reviewers
7. Write winning grants that stand out against scores of competing submissions
8. Develop focused and realistic budgets
9. Demonstrate the merits, excellence and innovation of your proposal
10. Package professional grant submissions

Click here for more information and to register. An online version of the workshop is also being offered on June 19, 2018.