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# Launching the Data Curation Network

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Data Curation Network  
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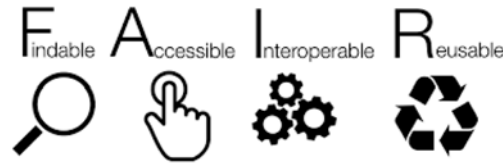
# Rise of the Data Sharing Culture

Researchers are increasingly required/incentivised to share data

- Funder data sharing mandates
- Journal data sharing policies
- Disciplinary practices → emphasis on transparency and reproducibility

But! It's not enough to just share the files, **well-curated data** are more valuable!

*Goal of data curation ⇒ Ingest and maintain (trusted digital repositories) in ways that make it findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable.*





## Data Repository for U of M



Search the Data Repository

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### The Data Repository for University of Minnesota (DRUM)

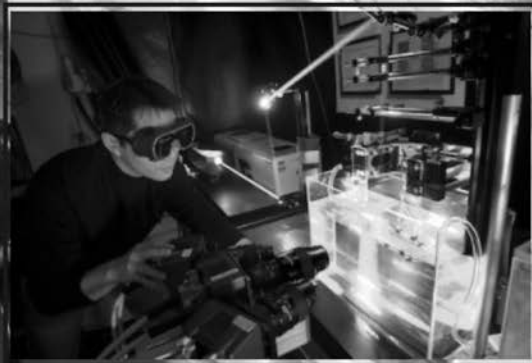
DRUM is a publicly available collection of digital research data generated by U of M researchers, students, and staff. Anyone can search and download the data housed in the repository, instantly or by request.

The Data Repository accepts submissions from University affiliates for digital archiving and access.

[Learn more](#) about depositing to the Data Repository and other services to manage your data.

Upload to the Data Repository >

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## How to Upload

### 1. Prepare Data

Data should be free of identifying or sensitive information and include adequate documentation. Not sure? Contact us for help!

### 2. Upload

## Features

### Flexible Access Options

Choose to make your data immediately accessible to everyone, or moderate access to your data upon request.

### Meet Grant Requirements

## Our Services

### Data Management Plan Assistance

We offer personalized assistance for drafting your next grant's Data Management Plan. Contact us for assistance during your planning process.

### Metadata Consultation





## Link Lists for Websites Reporting Information on Hurricane Sandy from 2003 to 2012

Weber, Matthew S. (2018)

Submission  
under  
curatorial  
review

### Published Date

2018-06-20

### Author Contact

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### Type

Dataset

Observational Data

Other Dataset

### Abstract

Data contains hyperlinks that existed between websites reporting information on Superstorm Sandy from 2003 – 2012. The data tracks 20,013,455 unique URLs.

### Referenced by

Weber, M. S. (2018). Methods and Approaches to Using Web Archives in Computational Communication Research. Communication Methods and Measures, 1-16.

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# Challenges for IR Data Curation Services



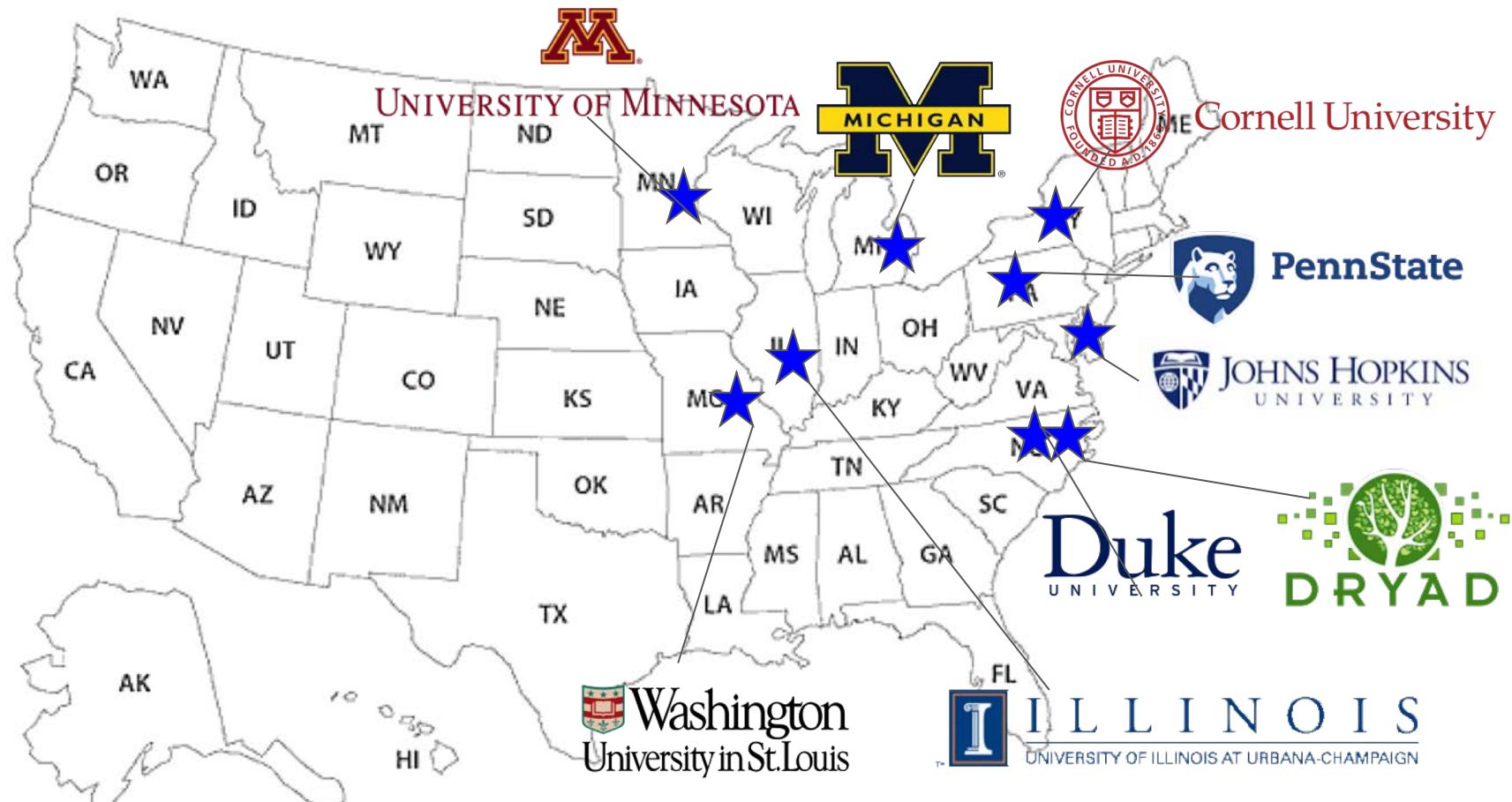
- How to scale local data curation services across all disciplines?
- How many data curation experts are needed?
  - Types: GIS, spreadsheet/tabular, statistical/survey, software code, video/audio...
  - Disciplines: genomic sequence, chemical spectra, bioinformatics...
- Are there ways to more efficiently curate rare or infrequently generated data types?
- Might our institutions specialize in curation skills? Represent our academic expertise?



The Data Curation Network (DCN)  
addresses this challenge by  
**collaboratively sharing data curation staff**  
across a network of partner institutions  
and data  
repositories.

**The Data Curation Network (DCN) 3-year implementation phase launched June 2018 with funding from the Alfred P Sloan Foundation.**





Data Curation Network

The Data Curation Network (DCN) serves as the  
“human layer” in the data repository stack  
that provides specialized dataset curation and  
professional development training for an emerging  
data curator community.



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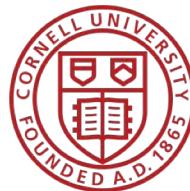
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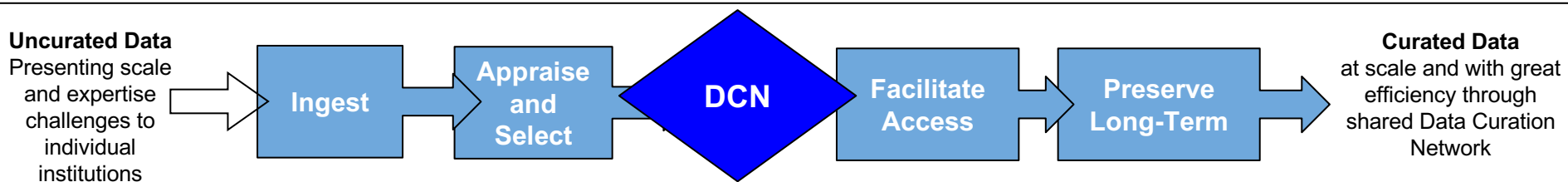


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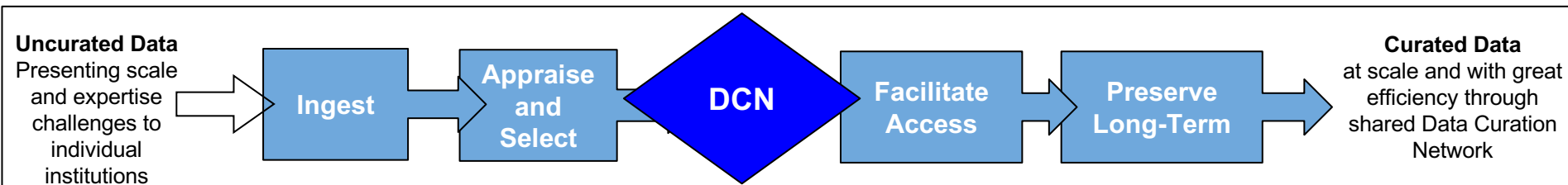
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# DCN Workflow



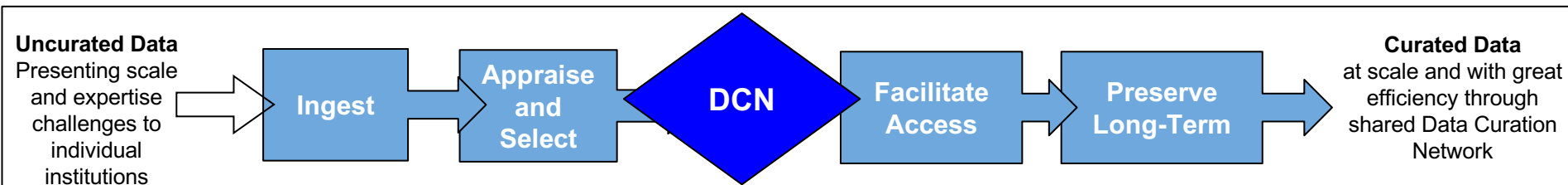
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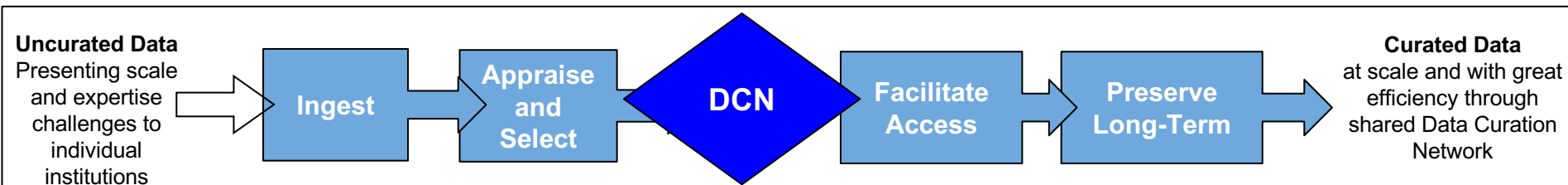


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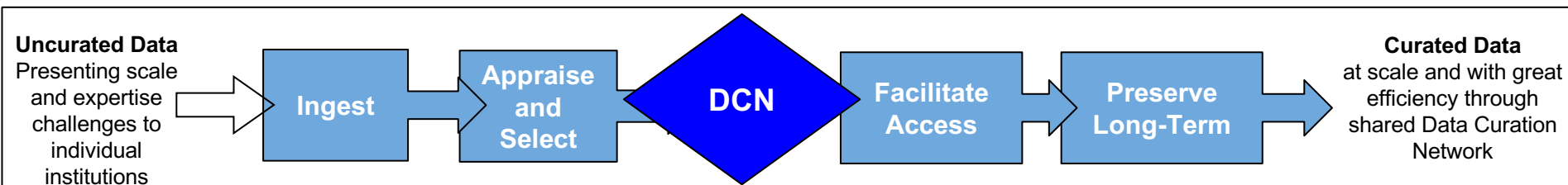
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- Seamlessly integrates into all repository systems (Samvera, Fedora, DSpace, Dataverse, etc.)

# DCN Workflow

## Uncurated Data

Presenting scale and expertise challenges to individual institutions

Ingest

Appraise and Select

DCN

Facilitate Access

Preserve Long-Term

**Curated Data**  
at scale and with great efficiency through shared Data Curation Network

## Data Curation Network

Review

Assign

CURATE

Mediate

Approve

**C**

Check files and metadata

**U**

Understand and run files

**R**

Request missing information

**A**

Augment metadata

**T**

Transform file formats

**E**

Evaluate for FAIRness

# CURATE Steps in DCN Workflow

DCN Curators will take **CURATE** steps for each data set, that includes:

- C** Check data files and read documentation
- U** Understand the data (try to), if not...
- R** Request missing information or changes
- A** Augment the submission with metadata for findability
- T** Transform file formats for reuse and long-term preservation
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# DCN CURATE Steps

**Table A1.** Draft checklist of DCN CURATE steps and FAIRness scorecard

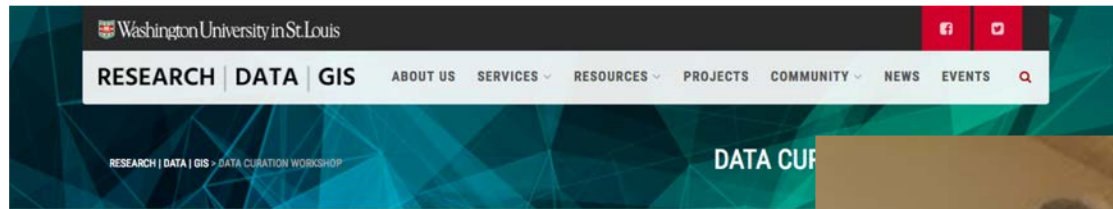
CURATE Actions	Curation Checklist	
<b>Check</b> data files and read documentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the content of the data files (e.g., open and run the files or code).</li> <li>Verify all metadata provided by the author and review the available documentation.</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Files open as expected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Issues _____</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Code runs as expected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Produces minor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Does not run and many errors</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Metadata quality is rich, complete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Metadata has iss</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation Type (ci Readme / Codebook / D Other: _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Missing/None</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Needs work</li> </ul>	<b>Evaluate</b> and rate the overall data record for FAIRness. <sup>2</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Score the dataset and recommend ways to increase the FAIRness of the data and become “DCN approved.”</li> </ul> <div>             Findable -             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Metadata exceeds author/ title/ date,</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unique PID (DOI, Handle, PURL, etc.).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discoverable via web search engines like Google.</li> </ul> </div> <div>             Accessible -             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Retrievable via a standard protocol (e.g., HTTP).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Free, open (e.g., download link).</li> </ul> </div> <div>             Interoperable -             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Metadata formatted in a standard schema (e.g., Dublin Core).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Metadata provided in machine-readable format (OAI feed).</li> </ul> </div> <div>             Reusable -             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Data include sufficient metadata about the data characteristics to reuse without the direct assistance of the author.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <u>Clear indicators of who created, owns, and stewards the data.</u></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Data are released with clear data usage terms (e.g., a CC License).</li> </ul> </div>
<b>Understand</b> the data (or try to) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check for quality assurance and usability issues such as missing</li> </ul>	<i>Varies based on file formats and example....</i>	

<sup>1</sup> Format Recommendations, <http://guides.library.cornell.edu/ecommmons/formats>

<sup>2</sup> Rubric evaluating the FAIR principles are based on the scoring matrix by Dunning, de Smaele, & Böhmer (2017).



# Specialized Curation Training (2018-2020)



## DATA CURATION WORKSHOP

### SLIDES AND HANDOUTS

**DATE:** DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2017

**TWEET:** #DCW2017

**LOCATION:** WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, MCMILLAN HALL, ST. LOUIS, MO

#### DESCRIPTION:

This free, 1-5 day workshop is open to all library staff and data professionals who are interested in data curation.

Participants will learn practical, hands-on treatments for data curation based on the **Data Curation Network CURATE** model.

- C – Check data files and read documentation;
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- R – Request missing information or changes;
- A – Augment the submission with metadata for findability;
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#### ATTENDEES WILL COME AWAY WITH:

1. A customized, implementable plan to enhance data curation activities at your local institution or organization,
2. Stakeholder focused talking points related to the value of data curation activities,
3. An in-depth understanding of specialized data curation practices in various disciplines, data types, and formats.



# DCN Implementation (2018-2021)



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## Assessment Plan (two-prong)

*Is a networked approach to curating research data more efficient?*

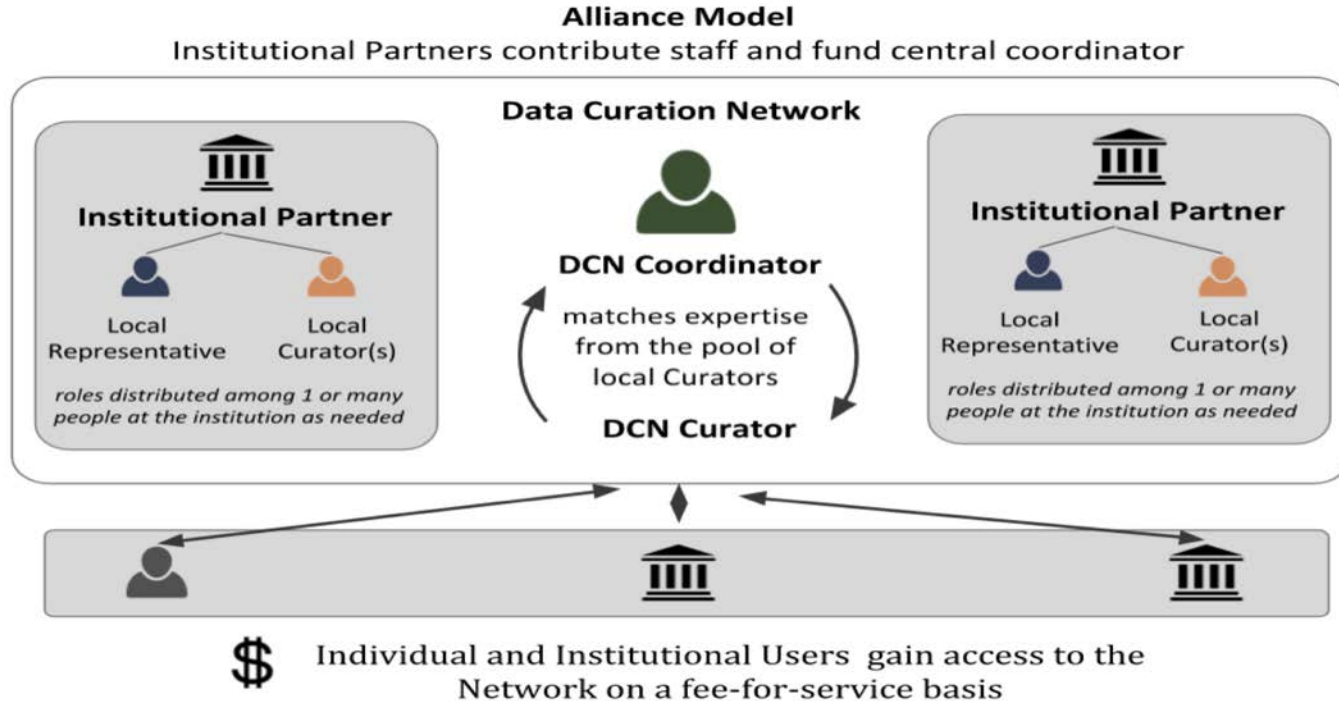
- Number of datasets
- Frequency (high-volume time periods, etc.)
- Variety (data file formats; range of disciplines)
- Efficiency (time, costs)

*Are curated data are more valuable?*

- Track reuse indicators (download counts, citations, alt-metrics)
- Implement a DCN registry
- Apply badges and metadata to signal that data sets curated by the DCN are FAIR.

In Year 3, the DCN will begin transitioning to a **self-sustaining service model** where institutional and disciplinary partners contribute data curation staff and central operations costs are offset by users of the Network.

# Data Curation-as-Service



Data Curation Network

# Sustainability and Expansion (2020-)

Stakeholder		Benefits
Academic libraries with existing data curation services		Gain access to data curation expertise in more disciplines/formats than locally available
Academic libraries with limited to no resources for data curation services		Are able to provide critical new data curation services when local resources are limited (without needing to hire);
Disciplinary- and general-subject data repositories		Receive better, more valuable data submissions from DCN partner institutions and customers;  Have potential to partner with the DCN to expand the scope of curation support for new and/or less frequently encountered data types

# 6-year Roadmap toward Sustainability

*Transition from planning phase to sustaining phase*

	Year 0	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Support	Sloan Grant	Grant Funded (Y1-Y2) transition to partnership model (Y3)			Curation-as-service (Y4-6)		
Timing	2016-17	2018-19		2020-21		2022-2023	
Phase	Planning	Implementation		Transition		Sustaining	
Partners	6 academic institutions	8 academic institutions and 2 disciplinary partners			Recruit new partners as use and demand dictate		

**Mission: With a proven and appealing value-proposition, the Data Curation Network will expand into a sustainable entity that grows beyond our initial partner institutions.**



Thanks!

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