

## Partner 4: Research Office

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**Partner:** Research Office

**Brief summary of role (1-3 sentences):** Dispenses and administers money after proposals are approved by funding agencies. Works with researchers and programs to ensure compliance with all kinds of institutional and governmental requirements for documentation.

### Frustrations

Frustration 1 - Need to train researchers in compliance with data management requirements; not a one-and-done process as requirements are complex and change  
(e.g.: <http://grants.nih.gov/reproducibility/index.htm>)

Frustration 2 - Cost-sharing issues: must decide whether/how to share the funding burden when an outside agency offers \$X if institution gives \$Y

Frustration 3 - Decentralization: researchers in various domains work with different requirements; some departments have their own DMP staff, library may already handle some, no overall choreography that makes the pieces work together automatically

### Goals

Goal 1 - Increase funding to the university -- get all the grants

Goal 2 - Increase compliance and avoid audits

Goal 3 - PR/communication, internal and external

**Elevator Pitch** (Test it out to make sure it's 30 seconds or less!)

The library can help increase compliance by offering researchers training in data management practices, advisement on DMPs, and citation or other assistance to help them get grants and increase funding for the university. Let's work together to get a consistent message out to researchers about the services that are available on campus from the office and from the library. We see that requirements are constantly changing, and more researchers from other disciplines like the humanities are coming in and using our services too. Both of our units connect people to the right other people--if we build a relationship, we can create a strong mutual network in which researchers will waste less time finding what they need.