

# UW Libraries Data Census Project

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## Background

We know the University of Washington creates a lot of digital research data that is not being made available to the UW Academic Community, but might be valuable to them. This project is looking at what digital research data is created, maintained or stored at the University and how it is created, managed, shared and disseminated. What added value might the Libraries provide to researchers?

## Methodology

In-depth interviews of researchers from a variety of disciplines.

- Population
  - Faculty (tenured, tenure-track, retired)
  - PhD students
  - Pure researchers
- Initial Sample (10)
  - College of Architecture and Urban Planning (1)
  - Sociology (1)
  - Geography (1)
  - Natural Sciences (1)
  - Business School (1)
  - Information School (1)
  - School of Public Health (1)
  - Health Sciences (3)

## Research Questions

- What is the digital research data output of UW researchers?
- What are the needs of UW researchers relative to the digital data used in research?
- How do UW researchers share digital data with fellow researchers?
- How do UW researchers disseminate digital data?

## Project Timeline

(2006-07 Academic Year)

- Fall Quarter
  - Define project including goals, methodology, research questions, population, sample
  - Conduct literature review
  - Develop interview questions
- Winter Quarter
  - Human Subjects Approval
  - Identify and contact key informants to obtain interview candidates
  - Contact candidates for interviews
  - Set up and conduct interviews
  - Begin data analysis
- Spring Quarter
  - Complete data analysis
  - Determine next steps
  - Write full report of project