

Introductory course Essentials 4 Data Support

Essentials 4 Data Support is an introductory course for those who provide support to researchers in storing, managing, archiving and sharing their research data. With this course, Research Data Netherlands (RDNL) aims to contribute to the professional development of and coordination between data support staff.

Learning objectives

The course covers the basic building blocks of data support. After completing the course, participants will have a good overview of the different phases in the life-cycle of scientific research data. Moreover, the course is an opportunity for data supporters to meet and to benefit from each other's knowledge.

Course structure: two options

1. *Online-only & free of charge*

The course material for Essentials 4 Data Support is online-only and is provided by RDNL at everyone's disposal free of charge, based on the idea of open access and sharing knowledge.

2. *Full course*

After registering for the complete course participants partake in the online course, meet fellow students, conduct online assignments and participate in two in-depth day sessions with presentations by experts in research data management. A professional coach is assigned to each new group of participants. After completion of the course participants receive a certificate.

Who should attend?

Anyone wanting to support researchers in storing, managing, archiving and sharing research data is welcome. Think, for instance, of (data) librarians, IT staff and researchers with duties involving research data management.

Experiences of participants

“Good course where I learned a lot, outstanding website which I will definitely use again.”

“I learned a lot especially by the contribution of practical experiences and examples of the coaches, speakers and fellow students.”

“A very instructive course with a good educational approach and perfect coaches.”

“The combination of online material, contact with colleagues from other organisations and practical exercises has taught me a lot about the various aspects of data management.”

More from RDNL

Research Data Netherlands (RDNL) supports the accessibility and responsible reuse of scientific research data by offering a single point of expertise and contact to customers of data archiving services. Besides organizing Essentials 4 Data Support RDNL also provides researchers with long-term access to research data, data management knowledge and advice, and every two years RDNL awards the Dutch Data Prizes to researchers who collect and document data in order to make the data accessible to others.