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Introduction to DMPonline

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Purpose:

UK and international funding bodies increasingly require data management plans (DMPs) to be submitted as part of grant applications. This session will introduce participants to the Digital Curation Centre's DMPonline tool¹ - a freely available, web-based tool that helps researchers and HEIs to respond to funders' DMP requirements.

The tool works by providing users with access to a number of templates that represent the requirements of different funders and institutions. Users are initially asked just three questions so the tool can determine the appropriate template to display (e.g. the ESRC template when applying for an ESRC grant). Guidance is also provided to help researchers to interpret and answer the questions. Many HEIs are currently developing their own customised guidance within the tool which helps to reduce the burden on researchers when writing their plans but also ensures that institutional support services and technical infrastructure are made more visible to researchers and can be included in plans where relevant. Each template provides a free text box for researchers to provide responses to specific funder questions. The completed plan can be easily exported in a number of formats for appending to grant applications.

Plans can include an optional sign-off mechanism to ensure that the HEI is happy with the proposed data management activity and can provide the required support. This functionality provides a means of ensuring that any additional costs that need to be requested can be identified and added to the grant application before submission. Several HEIs are now working to develop more structured templates within the DMPonline tool to further reduce the burden on researchers completing plans but also to facilitate ease of analysis of plan content in terms of assessing HEI compliance rates and forward planning for storage requirements.

In addition to a demonstration of the DMPonline, this session will provide examples of how HEIs might customise the tool and present a summary of DMPonline's future development roadmap.

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¹ <https://dmponline.dcc.ac.uk/>