*The Digital Research Alliance of Canada wishes everyone a Happy New Year! As 2023 kicks off, we are excited to continue our work with partners across Canada and internationally to catalyze world-class Canadian research for the benefit of all.*

## News

**Survey on cloud services in research now open**
The Researcher Council Cloud Survey Steering Group has launched a survey to better understand how Canadian researchers use the Alliance community cloud or commercial cloud services and to inform the development of a National

Cloud Strategy. Researchers and research staff from all disciplines are encouraged to fill out the survey. Findings will help to identify gaps in cloud service provision and improve the functionality of the Alliance Cloud, to better serve the research community. Fill out the survey here. The survey will be open until February 6.

**Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) Winter Series 2023**
Researchers in the humanities, arts and social sciences are welcome to attend the HSS Winter Series 2023, an introductory webinar series on digital research tools, from February 14–17. This exciting series will showcase tools for textual analysis, programming and more. There will also be an opportunity to bring your own project for tailored support from an instructor. Program details and registration is available on the event website.

**Launch of the Alliance Research Software Strategy Working Group**
The Alliance Research Software (RS) Strategy Working Group held its first meeting in December. The group comprises representatives from key stakeholder groups who will draft a national RS strategy for 2023-2030. The group also aims to outline scenarios and recommendations for the Alliance's RS services and funding opportunities; facilitate involvement of the Canadian RS community in the Alliance's RS activities; and identify opportunities for collaboration among Canadian organizations and international groups. There will be an opportunity to provide feedback on an initial draft strategy—stay tuned!

**Survey on joint multilateral funding initiative on research software**
Take part in this survey from the Research Software Funders Forum to help a group of international funding agencies design a joint multilateral funding initiative on RS. The survey aims to understand the needs of researchers

regarding funding the development and enhancement of RS and the associated ecosystems (e.g., training, education and policy).

**Lunaris—new platform for data discovery coming soon**
The Alliance Research Data Management team, in collaboration with partners of the Federated Research Data Repository (FRDR), are busy developing Lunaris, our new platform for data discovery. Set to launch on March 29, Lunaris will integrate both text- and map-based searching to offer a dynamic and intuitive discovery experience for researchers. Need a place to deposit data? FRDR will continue to operate alongside Lunaris as a dedicated repository service for researchers.

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# Events

- **January 31** – Canada playing catch up: Why we need a coordinated approach towards open and reliable research
  *Canadian Science Policy Centre, including panelist Kelly Cobey, member of the Alliance's Data Champions Pilot*

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# Meet the Researcher Council

Follow along as we share inspiring stories of our Researcher Council's contributions to research and DRI. Members of the council, representing various disciplines, share stories of breakthroughs, removing barriers and using technology to improve our lives.

- Dr. Benjamin Fung, McGill University – Killing computer virus variants
- Dr. Erin Dickie, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health – Using HPC for mental health research

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## Work With Us

If you would like to help us advance and invest in national DRI activities that will allow researchers to achieve scientific breakthrough and research excellence, please apply to our open position today.

- Cybersecurity Data Analyst

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## Join the Alliance

Join us! The Alliance is currently accepting applications from the research and DRI communities to join its growing membership of over 100 Canadian post-

secondary institutions and research organizations. Become a part of a national, bilingual not-for-profit organization accelerating Canada's research future. We invite you to learn about Alliance membership and its benefits by emailing membership-adhesion@alliancecan.ca and visiting Become a member.