



**Digital Research  
Alliance** of Canada

**Alliance de recherche  
numérique** du Canada

## News

### **Cross-Canada discussions on the future of Canadian DRI**

Throughout the months of January and February, the Alliance is visiting cities across Canada to meet with members of the research community and discuss the future of digital research infrastructure in Canada. Stops include Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax and Ottawa. These discussions are an important step in the development of the Alliance's strategic plan for 2025-30.

### **Report on the Research Software Funders Workshop**

Last year, the Alliance and the Research Software Alliance (ReSA) hosted a successful international workshop on the theme "Investing in People:

Anticipating the Future of Research Software”. The workshop brought together funders of research software, open science and open-source research software. A [new report](#) published by the Alliance and ReSA provides a complete summary of the workshop. Organizations that fund research software as a primary or secondary mandate are encouraged to participate in the ongoing [Research Software Funders Forum](#) meetings, get involved in [ReSA’s working groups](#), and participate in the next Forum held in Uppsala, Sweden, in September 2024. Researchers derive a great deal of value from a healthy research software ecosystem, and any effort designed to bring researchers, software developers, funders and policymakers together to discuss how to build a more sustainable ecosystem can only increase this value. More information on the 2023 workshop can be found in this [blog post](#) published by ReSA.

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## Events

### **February 12-16, 2024 – Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) Winter Series 2024**

The annual Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) Winter Series is back with introductory workshops on digital research tools and techniques for researchers in the humanities, arts and social sciences. Topics include GIS, Stylo, Jupyter, Colab, Python, R, Machine Learning, 3D Visualization, the DMP Assistant, FRDR, Lunarix, Borealis and Odesi, as well as managing sensitive data in the Canadian context. John Simpson (Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada) will deliver the keynote address on the history of the national HSS team and a vision for the future of digital research infrastructure support for HSS researchers. Full program details and registration information

is available on the [HSS Winter Series 2024 website](#).

**March 7, 2024 – Open Education Resources in RDM Webinar Series:  
Introduction to OERs in RDM**

The Open Education Resources in RDM Webinar Series will kick off with a panel session introducing the series and the concept of OERs, highlighting four OERs that will be showcased in future sessions, and facilitating a discussion around OERs. The [Alliance events page](#) will be updated soon with registration details. Stay tuned for information about future sessions. Potential topics include currently available OERs, and how to use, re-mix, attribute and license open educational materials.

**March 21-22, 2024 – Community Research Data Toolkits Workshop  
(McMaster University)**

Join the Community Data Toolkits Workshop in Hamilton, Ontario from March 21 to 22, 2024. The event will bring together librarians and research data management professionals, researchers and community organizations to initiate the development of two sharable toolkits. These will be a collection of co-developed guidance documents, one with considerations and guidelines for data management planning (templates, draft research contracts, researcher expectations, community rights documents), and a second for data deposit (data curation primers, legacy data inventories, or data access committee frameworks). Spots are limited! Register now to save your place at <https://u.mcmaster.ca/datatoolkits>.

Visit our [Training Calendar](#) for online and in-person training events offered by our advanced research computing regional partners.

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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 positions today.

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## Become an Alliance Member

The Alliance is accepting applications to join its growing membership of over 100 Canadian post-secondary institutions and research organizations. Become 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](mailto:membership-adhesion@alliancecan.ca) and visiting [Become a member](#).

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