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Cambridge Data Champions: Demystifying RDM through Collaboration

Mid-Year Progress Report

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Summary of expenditure

Cambridge Data Champions applied for an award of £2736 from the 2022 round of the University Collaboration Budget and was awarded the full amount. Having £1125.30 remaining unspent from the 2019 round, the difference of £1510.70 was received by Cambridge University Library Finance Office in April 2022 on behalf of the Data Champions programme. The total of £2736 was awarded to cover the costs of six Data Champion fora (1 yearly cycle) with catered lunches, as well as eight small-group workshops. The budget was expected to cover £360 per forum (assuming an average of 40 individuals at each forum), and £72 per workshop (eight individuals). The fora and workshops during this cycle planned to focus on producing three RDM-related resources to be shared openly online, for the benefit of all researchers, including researchers at the University of Cambridge and academic authors publishing their work with Cambridge University Press & Assessment. The chosen topics for these resources were Metadata and Metadata Standards, Reproducibility, and Sensitive Data.

Three fora and one workshop have been held since receipt of the award. Of the original budget of £2736, this leaves £1545.70 unspent as of 30 September 2022. There are three more fora and a maximum of 4 small-group workshops planned for the rest of the yearly cycle.

Date	Data Champion Event	Cost	Notes
26/05/2022	Forum	£441.48	High attendance (first forum after annual intake)
11/07/2022	Small group workshop	£118.68	
21/07/2022	Forum	£316.00	
29/09/2022	Forum	£314.14	
Total = 1190.30			

Inflation has significantly affected costs for Data Champion activities. However, all fora are now hybrid events, and numbers attending in person are usually 20-25 rather than the estimated 40. In addition, we have found that having one small-group workshop and online follow-up has given us sufficient input to produce the first RDM-related guidance resource, "Metadata and Metadata Standards". We expect therefore that we will continue to be within budget, as we will have fewer in-person attendees at fora, and fewer small-group workshops, than we initially budgeted for. Data Champion input on our first resource, "Metadata and Metadata Standards", is now complete, and we are now focusing on our second RDM-related resource, "Reproducibility".