

# RDA record creation for VU researchers

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## Libraries Supporting Research

At Victoria University (VU) Library we have a small research support team dedicated to meeting the needs of VU's cohort of research staff and students. One of our main objectives is to promote and encourage good research data management. In this lightning-fast talk I will explain how a simple auditing project on data deposit obligations morphed into an opportunity to increase the visibility of VU research, and encourage a data-sharing culture amongst VU researchers.

Research Data Australia (RDA) is a web portal for discovering data collections produced by Australian researchers. Currently Victoria University has 45 records in RDA, spanning 49 subject areas, with an ongoing ambition to boost that number. To date efforts have focused around adding data sets of historical and/or national significance, with a considerable amount of work put in by staff in the library's digital repository team. Our project complements this work by focusing solely on creating RDA records for those (mostly) small data sets published as supporting information to journal articles.

The response from the researchers we have targeted in this project so far has been very positive. This project has provided a great opportunity to connect with VU researchers and open up the discussion about treating research data as an asset.