Data Management

DMPTool (Data Management Plan Tool) is an online application that provides step-by-step guidance in preparing data management plans that meet specific funding requirements.

The GW DMPTool website provides customized information to institutional researchers that includes:
- recommended elements for an effective data management plan
- suggested questions for each part of your plan
- data management policies applied to your data
- templates for data management plans tailored to specific funders
- links to institutional contacts, resources and services for assistance with individual plans

To create a ready-to-use data management plan, you can sign into DMPTool as GW researcher at: dmptool.org

Collection Development Librarians

Collection Development Librarians are responsible for developing collections to fit the needs of GW's academic departments and programs. Each librarian develops familiarity with departmental needs for library collections and works with faculty in planning collections to support teaching and research.

Email refdesk@gwu.edu to be connected with the librarian expert in your area of study.

You can also visit library.gwu.edu/collections to find a list of librarians responsible for specific departments and programs.

Online Access

You can access the catalog, research guides and your My Library Account 24-hours a day on the GW Libraries website at:

library.gwu.edu
Research Consultations

Research librarians are eager to hear about your research and happy to provide support, from helping you explore interdisciplinary topics to orienting you to GW's library resources.

Schedule a Research Appointment
When you need in-depth help from a librarian expert, go to go.gwu.edu/ResearchHelp

Immediate Assistance
When you’ve just got a quick question about library resources or services, you can:

Walk In
Stop by the Ask Us Desk at Gelman Library or the front desk of Eckles.

Phone
Call (202) 994.6048 to reach the Gelman Library Ask Us Desk.

Email
Send an email to refdesk@gwu.edu or any of the general emails listed on the back.

Chat
Log onto library.gwu.edu and click “Ask a Librarian.”

Assessing the Impact of Research

Librarians can work with faculty to assess past and potential research impact using databases such as Web of Science and Journal Citation Reports.

Journal Citation Reports

Journal Citation Reports present quantifiable statistical data that provides a systematic way to evaluate science and social science journals, including their influence and impact.

Web of Science

Includes the Science Citation Expanded Index, Social Sciences Citation Index, and the Arts & Humanities Citation Index. Search by a specific index, or across all three. Citations to articles in more than 8,000 major research journals. Also permits cited reference searching (searching for articles that cite a particular author or work).

Citation Management

Citation managers let you
• Import citations from the catalog and databases
• Store and organize
• Add research notes
• Format in-text citations
• Create bibliographies in different citation styles

Librarians provide support for working with Refworks, Zotero, Mendeley, and other tools to help scholars keep track of their research.

Refworks

RefWorks is a cloud-based tool for managing citations and creating bibliographies. Through a subscription, the GW Libraries makes RefWorks available to all current students, faculty, and staff of the university. And alumni retain their access after graduation!

Zotero

Zotero is a free (open-source) tool for capturing, organizing, and sharing citations. It shares the same functionality as Refworks, but with a different interface.